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Title IX celebrates 50 years

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

Title IX of the Equal Education Act, which was signed into law by President Richard Nixon on June 23, 1972, is a 37-word statement that galvanized women's sports, even though the law had nothing to do with women's sports when it was enacted.

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to

discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."

Here are a few things to know about the law, which will celebrate its 50th anniversary this week:

■ Title IX was initially not about sports

There is no reference to athletics at all in the 37 words, but over the years, it evolved into a way to gauge



equality in men's and women's sports.

Initially, according to a report by the Department of Justice writ-

ten in 2012, Title IX was passed because colleges and universities "set quotas for the admission of women or prohibited them from attending altogether; those that accepted applications from women often required higher test scores and grades," to be admitted. Women had less access to scholarship money, according to the report, and were excluded from male-dominated programs such

as medicine. Female professors were denied tenure more often than men.

In 1970, only 8% of women 19 and older were college graduates, the report stated.

■ What else does it cover?

Admissions, financial aid, student services and counseling, athletics and physical education. It also covers sexual and gender-based harassment, for both sexes.

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The 2 acres of city-owned land at the corner of Albany Avenue and Woodland Street, in foreground, is targeted for a \$15 million redevelopment that could start in the summer or fall of 2023. **SEAN PATRICK FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**

Will Upper Albany project come through?

Redevelopment plans hope to revitalize area

By Kenneth R. Gosselin
Hartford Courant

A 2-acre patch of green in the heart of Hartford's Upper Albany neighborhood could hold the key to the long-held dream of making the area a destination rather than a pass-through route between the suburbs and downtown.

The city's \$15 million development plan for land it owns at the corner of Albany Avenue and Woodland Street includes what could become the long-sought after the visitor attraction: a 2-level, sit-down restaurant with rooftop dining.

The restaurant would help anchor a redevelopment with more storefront space, including an as-yet unnamed national retailer, a sorely-needed bank branch, a community room, and a relocated city health department and WIC offices.

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TOP: A conceptual rendering shows a planned, \$15 million redevelopment at the corner of Albany Avenue and Woodland Street in Hartford. ABOVE: The view is from Woodland Street approaching the intersection with Albany. **CROSSKEY ARCHITECTS**

Casinos see key boost in revenue

\$175M from online, sports betting comes as foot traffic slows

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

Online betting and sports wagers have added a nearly one-third premium to slot revenue generated by Foxwoods Resort and the Mohegan Sun casinos since expanded gambling was established in Connecticut last year, cheering tribal officials who fought to bolster their gambling enterprises.

The revenue is a needed boost for the casinos that are struggling with inflation, particularly as gas approaches \$5 a gallon, making gamblers think twice before heading to the casinos.

"We're tracking better than we thought," said Rodney Butler, chairman of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, which owns and operates Foxwoods.

The two casinos together generated \$126.2 million in online gambling revenue from October through May, according to the state Department of Consumer Protection. Sports betting raised an additional \$48.6 million. The two forms of gambling represent a 31% premium to slot revenue of nearly \$559 million in the same eight months.

"We're tracking right on the plan," said Rich Roberts, president of Mohegan Digital at the Mohegan Sun. "It's meeting our expectations."

More money, always welcome, is particularly helpful as soaring inflation keeps some potential casino visitors at home. Phone apps, tablets and laptops offer gamblers a way to indulge their interest without changing their location.

"Gaming is always a leading indicator of the economy," Butler said. "The price of gas matters. Foot traffic has started to slow down."

Foxwoods' slot machine revenue generated by casino visitors fell more than \$700,000, or 2%, from March to April. The decline accelerated to \$1.2 million from April to May, down 4%.

Slot revenue tumbled in the same two months at the Mohe-

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Inflation takes toll on new projects

Price hikes cutting value of Biden's \$1T infrastructure plan

By David A. Lieb
and Michael Casey
Associated Press

The price of a foot of water pipe in Tucson, Arizona: up 19%. The cost of a ton of asphalt in a

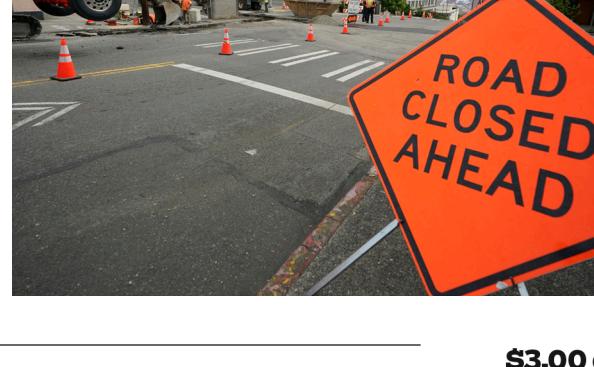
small Massachusetts town: up 37%. The estimate to build a new airport terminal in Des Moines, Iowa: 69% higher, with a delay of several years.

Inflation is taking a toll on infrastructure projects across the country, driving up costs so much that state and local officials are postponing projects, scaling back others and reprioritizing their needs.

The price hikes already are diminishing the value of a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan President Joe Biden signed into law just seven months ago. That law had included, among other things, a roughly 25% increase in regular highway program funding for states.

"Those dollars are essentially

Turn to Inflation, Page 3



Inflation is driving up costs everywhere, including on work last week to replace water pipes in Tacoma, Wash. **TED S. WARREN/AP**

'Hamilton' returns to Hartford

The hit Broadway musical 'Hamilton' makes a long-awaited return to The Bushnell in Hartford beginning Wednesday. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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Eleanor Smeal, president of the National Organization of Women, and Edward Kennedy Jr., appear before the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee on March 19, 1987. **FILE PHOTO**

**Title IX**

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■ Who championed Title IX?

U.S. Representative Patsy Mink authored and sponsored the bill with help from Representative Edith Green and Senator Birch Bayh. Mink had faced racial and sexual discrimination while pursuing an education in college. When she tried to apply to medical school, she was rejected because she was a woman. She ended up going to law school instead and became the first woman from Hawaii — as well as the first woman of color and the first Asian-American woman — elected to Congress in 1964.



Rep. Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii, on Capitol Hill in 1997. **JOE MARQUETTE/AP FILE**

Members of the UConn women's rowing team rally in downtown Storrs in April 2021 when their sport was being cut by the university. The team filed a Title IX complaint and won. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**



Competitors head to the starting line for Collegiate Women's Eights during the Head of the Charles Regatta in Cambridge, Mass., in October 2006. **CHITOSE SUZUKI/AP**



Members of the UConn women's rowing team rally in Storrs in April 2021. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

■ Who did not?

U.S. Sen. John Tower, who tried to exempt revenue-producing sports from Title IX in 1974. Sen. Jesse Helms did the same in 1976. Both exemptions were eventually rejected. The NCAA filed a lawsuit in 1976 against Title IX, which was dismissed.



■ When did it go into effect?

Schools and colleges had a deadline of July 21, 1978, to comply with the law.

■ What happened in the '80s?

A judge ruled in a 1984 court case, Grove City vs. Bell, that Title IX did not apply to athletics, only athletic scholarships. The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 once again gave Title IX the power to cover all athletics.

■ How is it enforced?

Title IX is enforced by the Office of Civil Rights, part of the U.S. Dept. of Education. If someone has a Title

IX complaint, they can contact the Office of Civil Rights, and the agency will investigate the complaint.

■ Compliance and the 'three-prong' test

The three-prong test for Title IX participation requirements was developed in 1979 by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and clarified in a "Dear Colleague" letter from the Office of Civil Rights in 1996.

The first prong states that the

number of male and female athletes must be of the same proportion as the number of male and female undergraduate students. If the requirements of the first prong are not met, a school may satisfy the requirement via the second prong, which examines the school's history of development and expansion of opportunities for the underrepresented sex, or the third prong, which deals with the institution's accommodation of viable interests of the underrepresented sex.

The second prong states that the school must provide equal benefits and treatment in matters such as marketing, locker rooms, recruiting, coaches' salaries and other aspects of the sport.

The third prong states that the school must treat the athletes equally in financial matters, such as scholarships.

■ Are most colleges and universities in compliance?

If they offer football, probably not.

There has been an influx of women in college. Over the years, the number of female undergraduates has outpaced the number of male undergraduates. In 2020, there were more than 9 million female undergraduates at colleges and universities in the U.S., compared to 6.65 million men.

Football numbers skew the number of male athletes higher at most schools. No female sport compares to football, although schools have tried to add women's teams with larger numbers of athletes, such as rowing, and in some cases, have inflated roster sizes to attempt to get closer to the football numbers.

In October 2019, an article in the Chronicle of Higher Education stated that, based on numbers from 2017, "of all the 1,085 institutions governed by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, 815 are probably out of compliance. For many of the institutions at the top of the list, the heavy skew of female enrollment in recent years has made achieving proportionality a near impossibility."

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Sunday, June 19

PLAY3 DAY

1 9 1 WB: 7

PLAY4 DAY

4 3 5 9 WB: 2

The late lotto numbers were not drawn in time for this edition. For results, please visit courant.com/lottery.

SATURDAY'S LATE NUMBERS**PLAY3 NIGHT**

9 2 0 WB: 4

PLAY4 NIGHT

7 2 9 6 WB: 8

CASH 5

4 7 9 17 29

LUCKY FOR LIFE

12 15 16 25 47 LB: 10

POWERBALL

10 19 40 45 58 PB: 25 PP: 2

Tuesday's est. Lotto jackpot: \$1.3 million

\$290 million

Wednesday's est. Powerball jackpot: \$296 million

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NEWS BRIEFS

NEW CASTLE, N.H.

Two from Connecticut hurt as yacht burns, sinks

Three people were taken to the hospital when a 70-foot yacht burned and sank in New Hampshire, authorities said.

The vessel, the *Elusive*, was on the Piscataqua River heading toward a marina in New Castle at about 4 p.m. Saturday when a passenger noticed black smoke below deck, the New Hampshire Department of Safety said in a statement.

The Coast Guard and the New Hampshire State Police Marine Patrol posted photos of the flames and thick black smoke pouring from the vessel.

Three passengers, as well as two dogs, jumped overboard as the boat became engulfed in flames. They were rescued by other boats.

The passengers, identified by authorities as Arthur Watson, 67, and Diane Watson, 57, both of New Canaan, Connecticut; and Jarrod Tubbs, 33, of Jupiter, Florida, were brought to a hospital where they were treated and released.

Despite efforts to save the yacht, it drifted into Maine waters and eventually sank about two hours after the initial 911 call, authorities said.

The fire remains under investigation.

— Associated Press



A yacht burns on the Piscataqua River in New Castle, New Hampshire, on Saturday.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE/COURTESY

NAUGATUCK

Police: Man charged after striking infant

A Naugatuck man remains in custody after he allegedly assaulted an infant for not drink-

ing his baby formula, according to police.

Steven Elliot, 39, faces three felony and two misdemeanor charges after allegedly striking an infant out of anger when the child would not drink his formula, police said.

Naugatuck police said they responded to a report of a risk of injury to an infant at about

4:30 p.m. on June 13. Police allege that Elliot told officers he became angry and struck the infant three to four times in the head with the bottle of formula and then "slammed" the infant's head on his right knee.

Elliot is charged with first-degree assault, risk of injury to a child, intentional cruelty to persons, first-degree reckless endangerment and disorderly conduct, according to police. Elliot has not yet entered a plea. His next court date is July 1 at 10 a.m. at Waterbury Superior Court. Elliot is being held at Garner Correctional Institution on a \$100,000 bond.

— Alison Cross

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Man wounded in shooting at Park and Orange streets

A man was wounded in a shooting Sunday morning, Hartford police said.

Police responded to the area of Park Street and Orange Street about 8 a.m. and found a man in his 40s suffering from multiple gunshot wounds, according to the Hartford Police Department. The man was taken to a hospital and his injuries did not appear to be life threatening, police said. The Hartford Police Major Crimes squad was investigating. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Hartford police tip line at 860-722-8477.

— Taylor Hartz

Development

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The city's hope is that the 40,000-square-foot project will spur other neighborhood redevelopment along Albany Avenue, stretching roughly one mile from the intersection of Albany Avenue and Woodland Street east to the Arrowhead development on the edge of downtown. The project would also build on \$30 million in recent streetscape improvements.

Neighborhood leaders say they are listening to these latest plans for the corner, but there is still skepticism because they have been here before.

For almost two decades — some say longer — redevelopment on the property, which is near The Artists Collective and a branch of the Hartford Public Library, has gone nowhere. A 2005 consultant's study recommended creating a "Town Center" that would not only keep residents and businesses in the area but attract visitors.

Last year the city pulled the plug on a \$22.5 million, mixed-use project because it focused too much on housing given other nearby projects. The neighborhood thought was a done deal, leaving them again frustrated.

Marilyn Risi, executive director of Upper Albany Main Street Inc., a community development organization, said there are still too many moving pieces and unknowns about the latest plans, which are still evolving.

"It's confusing to give your support to a project that is not complete," Risi said.

City officials say they are still gathering ideas from the neighborhood and the placement of structures could change. But they acknowledge the neighborhood's past disappointments.

I. Charles Mathews, the city's director of development services, said the project — simply referred to as "Albany-Woodland" — has the highest priority and city hall is 100% behind it.

"We've made a number of presentations of what is going to happen on this site, but at the end of the day, presentations are no longer sufficient. We have to move bulldozers," Mathews said. "The community has made that clear, and the mayor is committed to that."

Mathews said he also has encountered the skepticism.

"As some of my friends in the community would say to me, 'Yeah, I. Charles. I get it. It's all talk. Where's the bulldozer?'" Mathews said. "I think they are waiting to see if we



The 2 acres of city-owned land as seen from the corner of Albany Avenue and Woodland Street. The property is targeted for a \$15 million redevelopment, including a sit-down restaurant.

SEAN PATRICK FOWLER/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

can deliver."

Even with a renewed push, construction isn't likely to get underway until the summer or fall of 2023.

'Pretty much a clean slate'

A development on the site, including a sit-down restaurant in an area known for take-out food, would be a big step in helping turn around an image tarnished by years of drug activity and more recently, gun violence, neighborhood leaders have said.

The project is complex. The plans include selling off a portion on the rear property off Woodland to a separate developer for retail development. The city would essentially act as the developer of the larger portion facing Albany Avenue, including the health department, restaurant and 130 parking spaces.

The development has attracted the strong attention of a restaurant in Stamford, so much so that the restaurant's name — La Perle Restaurant & Bar — is on the latest set of renderings. The restaurant would still have to sign a development agreement with the city.

Cousins St. Juste and Peter Medoit opened La Perle in 2019, offering an American fusion menu with a Caribbean twist, particularly Haiti, where the restaurateurs

were born.

In Hartford's Upper Albany — though far different from downtown Stamford — they said they see similarities, particularly in the cultural diversity.

"That's the kind of market that we like to immerse ourselves in, so when that kind of opportunity presents itself, we try to make sure we find a way to get into that and blend ourselves into it," Medoit said.

La Perle, a name taken from their homeland's moniker, "The Pearl of the Islands," would be the partners' second restaurant.

But St. Juste, La Perle's executive chef, said he has 15 years experience in the industry, including at hotel chains such as the Marriott and The Westin. Medoit is an architect who worked for a decade in New York and now has his own firm in Greenwich.

"It's pretty much a clean slate, and Peter will really get to flex his muscles in the design," St. Juste said. "We want to keep everything true to concept we have in Stamford right now, the color scheme, the aesthetics and everything else."

The partners say they believe the restaurant will become the destination desired by the neighborhood.

"Our space in Stamford is pretty big," Medoit said. "So we wanted people to have options and to feel like, 'Hey, I just want to go

to laptops, phones and tablets, Butler said.

"This is everything we discussed why we needed that," he said. "It balances everything."

Gov. Ned Lamont, whose administration negotiated the gambling expansion last year with the Mohegans and Mashantucket Pequots, had said he wanted to update Connecticut's gambling rules that previously did not permit online access. He also pushed for sports betting as a way to compete with other states for revenue.

As gambling has expanded, so have bettors who struggle with addiction and financial problems. Calls and communications through online chats with the Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling have

increased an average of nearly 150% since October. The organization does not disclose the number of calls and chats.

Executive Director Diana Goode said counselors are hearing for the first time from gamblers who are not reporting a problem, but expect to get into trouble due to an inability to stop gambling.

"This is not a problem, but it will be," she said. "The ease of access can really run into problems. Before you had to get up and go out. You had to put some thought into it. Now you don't have to put thought into it."

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gan Sun, too.

Roberts said Mohegan Sun's customers are using the casino's brand through the app "and then making their way to the property."

"What we're seeing is our overall plan coming into play," he said. "Digital is an extension of retail."

David Sacco, an instructor in finance and economics at the University of New Haven, said the threat of recession could have a greater impact on casinos than inflation. But sports bettors are not affected by recessions,

brushing aside economic downturns to pursue money-making opportunities related to their favorite teams, he said.

Gamblers have to make a "relatively significant commitment" to go to a casino, but anecdotal evidence points to gamblers going online "to pick myself up," Sacco said.

The state has a stake in casino revenue, claiming more than \$30 million in tax revenue from October through May for online gambling, sports betting and retail sports betting run by the Lottery. Connecticut also has collected \$80.5 million as its share of casino slot revenue this year.

Diversifying revenue was a key argument in the battle to bring gambling and sports betting

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evaporating," said Jim Tymon, executive director of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials. "The cost of those projects is going up by 20%, by 30%, and just wiping out that increase from the federal government that they were so excited about earlier in the year."

In Casper, Wyoming, the low bid to rebuild a major intersection and construct a new bridge over the North Platte River came in at \$35 million this spring — 55% over a state engineer's estimate. The bid was rejected and the project delayed as state officials reevaluate their options.

"If this inflation keeps the way it is, we will have to roll projects from one year into the next, into the next, into the next," said Mark Gillett, chief engineer of the Wyoming Department of Transportation.

In addition to roads, the federal infrastructure bill includes billions of dollars for water projects, railways, airports, broadband internet, electric grids and green-energy projects over the coming years.

Inflation has affected the entire U.S. economy, posing one of Biden's biggest challenges during a midterm election year.

Fuel, food and housing costs all have shot up. Consumer prices surged 8.6% in May over last year, the highest rate since 1981, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Prices for some key materials in infrastructure construction have risen even more.

Prices paid to U.S. manufacturers of asphalt paving and tar mixtures were up 14% in May compared to last year, according to data from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. Prices for fabricated steel plate, used in bridges, were up 23%, and ductile iron pipes and fittings — used by water systems — were nearly 25% higher.

The hikes are being driven by a variety of factors, including global supply chain backlogs, strong consumer and business spending in the U.S., Russia's invasion of Ukraine — and, some argue, federal energy and fiscal policies.

Rep. Sam Graves, R-Mo., the ranking minority member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, contends the infrastructure law itself is contributing to inflation by pouring more

federal money into an economy already flush with trillions of dollars in federal pandemic aid.

"They are borrowing more money so they can spend more money, (which) is driving inflation, which is cutting down on the projects that they're actually wanting to do," said Graves, who voted against the infrastructure bill.

White House senior adviser Mitch Landrieu said the infrastructure law "actually positions us for lowering costs for families in the short- and long-term."

He pointed, among other things, to made-in-America requirements for steel, iron and other construction materials that could strengthen supply chains and thus lower costs.

Officials at Des Moines International Airport were counting on the federal infrastructure money to replace an aging terminal with a modern structure. Four years ago, a new 14-gate terminal was projected to cost about \$434 million and be open by 2026. By this spring, the cost had soared to \$733 million.

Officials are now planning to break the project into phases, building five new gates

by 2026 at a cost of \$411 million.

"If inflation continues, it may be a decade before the project gets completely done," airport Executive Director Kevin Foley said.

In Huntington, Massachusetts, a 1.5-mile stretch of road won't be finished this year after a 37% spike in the price of liquid asphalt increased the cost for paving a mile to about \$140,000. The town gets \$159,000 annually in state funding for its roads, highway superintendent Charles Dazelle said.

"Right now, one mile of road, that's one year. That is doing nothing else," Dazelle said.

Public water systems also are straining under inflation.

When Tucson launched the first part of a four-phase water main replacement project in September 2020, ductile iron pipe cost \$75-a-foot and a gate valve cost \$3,000. When it bid the most recent phase this spring, pipe costs had risen to nearly \$90-a-foot and gate valves to nearly \$4,100. The city is now prioritizing what other projects it can afford, and which ones have to wait.

"To sum it up, we're doing less work for the same amount of money," said Tucson's chief water engineer, Scott Schladweiler.

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WAR IN UKRAINE

On Father's Day, a nod to fighters

NATO chief warns war could last 'years' as fierce clashes rage

By John Leicester
and David Keyton
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — One photograph shows a kneeling soldier kissing a child inside a subway station, where Ukrainian families shelter from Russian airstrikes. In another, an infant and a woman who appears on the brink of tears look out from a departing train car as a man peers inside, his hand spread across the window in a gesture of goodbye.

In an uplifting Father's Day message Sunday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy posted 10 photos of parents and children set against the grim backdrop of war, praising fathers who "protect and defend the most precious."

"Being a father is a great responsibility and a great happiness," Zelenskyy wrote in English text that followed the Ukrainian on Instagram. "It is strength, wisdom, motivation to go forward and not to give up."

He urged his nation's fighters to endure for the "future of your family, your children, and therefore the whole of Ukraine."

His message came as four months of war in Ukraine appear to be straining the morale of troops on both sides, prompting desertions and rebellion against officers' orders. NATO's chief warned the fighting could drag on for "years."

"Combat units from both sides are committed



A family strolls Sunday through a neighborhood in Druzhkivka, Ukraine, recently damaged by a Russian missile strike. In a Father's Day post, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy praised those who "protect and defend the most precious." SCOTT OLSON/GETTY

to intense combat in the Donbas and are likely experiencing variable morale," Britain's defense ministry said in its daily assessment of the war.

Ukrainian forces have likely suffered desertions in recent weeks," the assessment said, but added that "Russian morale highly likely remains especially troubled."

Separately, the Ukrainian Main Intelligence Directorate released what it said were intercepted phone calls in which Russian soldiers complained about front-line conditions, poor equipment, and overall lack of personnel, according to

a report by the Institute for the Study of War.

In an interview published Sunday in the German weekly Bild am Sonntag, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said that "nobody knows" how long the war could last.

"We need to be prepared for it to last for years," he said.

He also urged allies "not to weaken support for Ukraine, even if the costs are high, not only in terms of military aid, but also because of the increase in energy and food goods prices."

In his nightly address Sunday, Zelenskyy said the week ahead would be

"historic" and perhaps bring Ukraine closer to membership in the European Union.

But that move could portend a more hostile response from Russia, he warned.

EU leaders recommended Friday that Ukraine join the 27-nation bloc, and their proposal was to go to members for discussion this week in Brussels. Zelenskyy called the outcome of those talks one of the most fateful moments for Ukraine since independence from the Soviet Union in 1991.

"I am sure that only a positive decision meets the interests of the whole of Europe," he said.

Britain's defense ministry said Russia and Ukraine have continued to conduct heavy artillery bombardments on axes to the north, east and south of the Sievierodonetsk pocket, but with little change in the frontline.

Luhansk governor Serhiy

Haidai said via Telegram on Sunday: "It is a very difficult situation in Sievierodonetsk, where the enemy in the middle of the city is conducting round-the-clock aerial reconnaissance with drones, adjusting fire, quickly adjusting to our changes."

The Russians made an initial breakthrough Sunday in Toshkivka, a small town

southeast of the metropolitan area of Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk, where vicious street-by-street fighting and artillery duels have raged for weeks. Haidai acknowledged that the Russians "had success" in the Toshkivka area, but said the occupiers "suffered defeat" after Ukrainian artillery went to Toshkivka's defense.

It was not clear who controlled Toshkivka by nightfall Sunday.

If Moscow's forces succeed in surrounding Sievierodonetsk and Lysychansk, however, thousands of Ukrainian fighters defending the cities could be stranded. That would deliver a hard-won military victory to the Kremlin and bring Russian forces a step closer to fulfilling President Vladimir Putin's objective of seizing all of Ukraine's eastern Donbas region.

Russia's defense ministry claimed Sunday that Russian and separatist forces have taken control of Metolkine, a settlement east of Sievierodonetsk.

In other attacks in the south, Ukraine's southern military operational command said Sunday that two people were killed in shelling of the Galitsyn community in the Mykolaiv region and that shelling of the Bashtansky district is continuing.

Russia's defense ministry said seaborne missiles destroyed a plant in Mykolaiv city where Western-supplied howitzers and armored vehicles were stored.

The New York Times contributed.

Justices appear poised to hear GOP elections case

Experts worry that state courts' powers could be curtailed

By Mark Sherman
and Gary D. Robertson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court seems poised to take on a new elections case being pressed by Republicans that could increase the power of state lawmakers over races for Congress and the presidency, as well as redistricting, and cut state courts out of the equation.

The issue has arisen repeatedly in cases from North Carolina and Pennsylvania, where Democratic majorities on the states' highest courts have invoked voting protections in their state constitutions to frustrate the plans of Republican-dominated legislatures.

Four conservative Supreme Court justices have noted their interest in deciding whether state courts, finding violations of their state constitutions, can order changes to federal elections and the once-a-decade redrawing of congressional districts. The Supreme Court has never invoked what is known as the independent state legis-

lature doctrine, although three justices advanced it in the Bush v. Gore case that settled the 2000 presidential election.

It only takes four of the nine justices to agree to hear a case, but a majority of five is needed for an eventual decision.

Many election law experts are alarmed that the justices might seek to reduce state courts' powers over elections.

"A ruling endorsing a strong or muscular reading of the independent state legislature theory would potentially give state legislatures even more power to curtail voting rights and provide a pathway for litigation to subvert the election outcomes expressing the will of the people," law professor Richard Hasen wrote in an email.

But if the justices are going to get involved, Hasen said, "it does make sense for the Court to do it outside the context of an election with national implications."

The court could say as early as Tuesday whether it will hear an appeal filed by North Carolina Republicans.

The appeal challenges a state court ruling that threw out the congressional districts drawn by

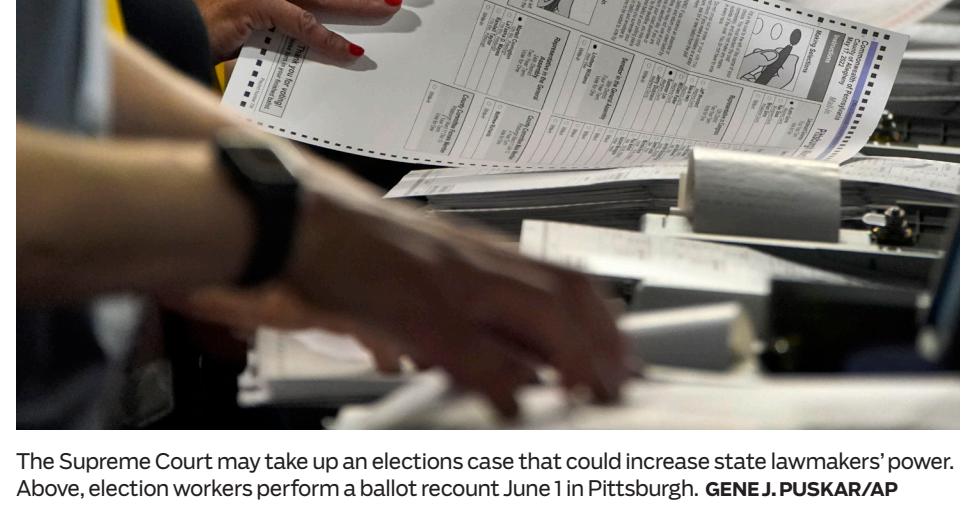
made GOP candidates likely victors in 10 of the state's 14 congressional districts.

The North Carolina Supreme Court held that the boundaries violated state constitution provisions protecting free elections and freedoms of speech and association by handicapping voters who support Democrats. The map this year gives Democrats a good chance to win six seats, and possibly a seventh in a new toss-up district.

Pennsylvania's top court also selected a map that Republicans say probably will lead to the election of more Democrats, as the two parties battle for control of the U.S. House in November. An appeal from Pennsylvania is waiting if the court passes on the North Carolina case.

Nationally, the parties fought to a draw in redistricting, which leaves Republicans positioned to win control of the House even if they come up short of winning a majority of the national vote.

If the GOP does well in November, the party also could capture seats on state supreme courts, including in North Carolina, that might allow for the drawing of more slanted maps than previous courts rejected.



The Supreme Court may take up an elections case that could increase state lawmakers' power. Above, election workers perform a ballot recount June 1 in Pittsburgh. GENE J. PUSKAR/AP

Two court seats held by North Carolina Democrats are on the ballot this year and Republicans need to win just one to take control of the court.

In their appeal to the nation's high court, North Carolina Republicans wrote that it is time for the Supreme Court to weigh in on the elections clause in the U.S. Constitution, which gives each state's legislature the responsibility to determine "the times, places and manner" of holding congressional elections.

"Activist judges and allied

plaintiffs have proved time and time again that they believe state courts have the ultimate say over congressional maps, no matter what the U.S. Constitution says," North Carolina Senate leader Phil Berger said when the appeal was filed in March.

The Supreme Court generally does not disturb state court rulings that are rooted in state law.

But Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Neil Gorsuch and Brett Kavanaugh have said the court should step in to decide

whether state courts had improperly taken powers given by the U.S. Constitution to state lawmakers. That was the argument Thomas and two other conservative justices put forward in Bush v. Gore, although that case was decided on other grounds.

If the court takes up the North Carolina case and rules in the GOP's favor, North Carolina Republicans could draw new maps for 2024 elections with less worry that the state Supreme Court would strike them down.

Yellen open to federal gas tax holiday as way to cut costs for motorists

By Aamer Madhani
Associated Press

REHOBOT BEACH, Del. — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Sunday that she expects the U.S. economy to slow in the months ahead, but that a recession is not inevitable.

Yellen offered a dose of optimism even as economists grow increasingly worried about a recession fueled by skyrocketing inflation and the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

She also expressed an openness, during an interview on ABC's "This Week," to a federal gas tax holiday to help give motorists some relief at the pump. Several

lawmakers have floated the idea as the average price of gasoline hovers around \$5 per gallon; the tax is 18.4 cents per gallon.

"That's an idea that's certainly worth considering," Yellen said when asked if the administration

is weighing it. She added that President Joe Biden wants "to do anything he possibly can to help consumers."

And Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said "it's one of the tools," but told CNN's "State of the Union" that "part of the challenge with the gas tax, of course, is that it funds the roads."

Yellen said overall consumer spending in the United States remains

strong, while noting that spending patterns are changing, given the impact of rising food and energy prices. Yellen said household savings during the coronavirus pandemic will help sustain spending.

The national saving rate has fallen to about 6%, below pre-pandemic levels, after reaching 16.6% in 2020, the highest on record dating to 1948, and 12.7% in 2021.

"I expect the economy to slow," Yellen said. "It's been growing at a very rapid rate

and the economy has recovered and we have achieved full employment. We expect a transition to steady and stable growth, but I don't think a recession is at all inevitable."

Yellen echoed Biden's optimism in the face of economic headwinds. Biden made the case last week that U.S. is "in a stronger position than any nation in the world to overcome this inflation."

Former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers disagreed with Biden and

Yellen's assessment. He told NBC's "Meet the Press" that "the dominant probability would be that by the end of next year we would be seeing a recession in the American economy."

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday approved its largest interest rate increase in nearly 30 years to stem a surge in inflation. The move raised the target federal funds rate by three-quarters of a percentage point to a range of between 1.5% and 1.75%.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Leftist Petro elected president of Colombia, runoff results show

From news services

For the first time, Colombia will have a leftist president.

Gustavo Petro, a former rebel and a longtime senator who has pledged to transform the country's economic system, won Sunday's election, according to preliminary results, setting the third-largest nation in Latin America on a radically new path.

Petro, 62, received 50.57% of the vote with over 97% counted Sunday night. His opponent, Rodolfo Hernandez, a 77-year-old construction magnate who had energized the country with a scorched-earth anti-corruption platform, collected 47.1% of the vote.

Petro's victory reflects widespread discontent in Colombia, with poverty and inequality on the rise and widespread dissatisfaction with a lack of opportunity, issues that sent hundreds of thousands of people to demonstrate in the streets last year.

The win is all the more significant because of history. For decades, the government fought a brutal leftist insurgency known as the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, with the stigma from the conflict making it difficult for a legitimate left to flourish. FARC signed a peace deal with the government in 2016.

Petro had been part of a different rebel group, M-19, which demobilized in 1990 and became a political party that helped rewrite the country's constitution.

Petro and Hernandez beat Federico Gutierrez, a former big-city mayor backed by the conservative elite, in a first round of voting May 29, sending them to a runoff.

Petro believes the economic system is broken,

overly reliant on oil exports and a flourishing and illegal cocaine business that he said has made the rich richer and poor poorer. He is calling for a halt to all new oil exploration, a shift to developing other industries and an expansion of social programs, while imposing higher taxes on the rich. One former finance minister called his energy plan "economic suicide."

Petro will take office in August.

Yellowstone plans: Yellowstone National Park will partially reopen Wednesday morning, after catastrophic flooding destroyed bridges and roads and drove out thousands of tourists.

The Park Service announced that visitors will be allowed on the park's southern loop under a temporary license plate system to manage crowds. Those with even-numbered plates and motorcycle groups will be allowed on even-numbered days, and those with odd-numbered or vanity plates on odd-numbered days.

Commercial tours and visitors with proof of overnight reservations at hotels, campgrounds or in the backcountry will be allowed in whatever their plate number.

The north loop is expected to remain closed through the summer, if not longer.

Massacre in Ethiopia: Witnesses in Ethiopia said Sunday that more than 200 people, mostly ethnic Amhara, have been killed in an attack in the country's Oromia region and are blaming a rebel group.

It is one of the deadliest such attacks in recent memory as ethnic tensions continue in Africa's second most populous country.



A woman reaches for a child as they evacuate their flooded house Sunday in Goyainghat, Bangladesh. Flooding from swollen rivers in Bangladesh and neighboring India have left millions displaced. In India's northeastern Assam state, officials said 32 of the 35 districts were underwater after the Brahmaputra River overflowed its banks. GETTY-AFP

"I have counted 230 bodies. I am afraid this is the deadliest attack against civilians we have seen in our lifetime," Abdul-Seid Tahir, a resident of Gimbi county, said after barely escaping the carnage Saturday.

Another witness, who gave only his first name, Shambel, over fears for his safety, said the ethnic Amhara that settled in the area about 30 years ago in resettlement programs are now being "killed like chickens."

Both witnesses blamed the Oromo Liberation Army for the attacks.

In a statement, the Oromo regional government also blamed the OLA.

An OLA spokesman, Odaa Tarbii, denied the allegations.

France elections: French President Emmanuel Macron's centrist alliance was projected to lose its majority despite getting the most seats in the final round of the parliamentary election Sunday.

The projections, which are based on partial results, show that Macron's candidates would win between 200 and 250 seats — much less than the 289 required to have a straight majority at the National Assembly, France's most powerful house of parliament.

A new coalition — made up of the hard left, the Socialists and the Greens — is projected to become the main opposition force with about 150 to 200 seats. The far-right National Rally is projected to register a huge surge with potentially more than 80 seats, up from eight before.

Strong performances by both the National Rally and the leftist coalition is expected to make it harder for Macron to implement the agenda he was reelected on in May, including tax cuts and raising France's retirement age from 62 to 65.

Europe wildfires: Firefighters in both Spain and Germany struggled to contain wildfires Sunday amid an unusual heat

wave in Western Europe for this time of year.

The worst damage in Spain has been in the northwest province of Zamora where over 61,000 acres have been consumed, regional authorities said, while German officials said that residents of three villages near Berlin were ordered to leave their homes.

Spain has been on alert for wildfires as parts of the country swelter under record June temperatures. Thermometers registered readings above 104 in many Spanish cities last week.

A lack of rainfall this year combined with gusting winds produced conditions for the fires.

Germany has also seen wildfires in recent days following intense heat and little rain. The country's national weather agency said Sunday that temperatures neared 103 in the cities of Dresden and Cottbus.

Director detained: Oscar-winning film director

Paul Haggis was detained in Spain for investigation of allegations he sexually assaulted a woman in southern Italy, Italian news media said, quoting local prosecutors.

Haggis, 69, has been in Italy for a festival that begins Tuesday in Ostuni.

The news agency LaPresse and other Italian media carried a written statement from prosecutors in Brindisi that they were investigating allegations a "young foreign woman" was forced to have "non-consensual" sexual relations over two days.

Prosecutors said the woman was "forced to seek medical care."

After a couple of days of non-consensual relations, the woman was accompanied by the man" to Brindisi airport Sunday and "was left there at dawn despite (her) precarious physical and psychological conditions," they said.

The Canadian-born Haggis won an Oscar in 2006 for best original screenplay for "Crash."

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Brazilian expert 'gave his life for us'

Specialist's break with government left him vulnerable

By Mauricio Savarese and Fabiano Maisonnave
Associated Press

SAO PAULO — Before disappearing in Brazil's Amazon rainforest, Bruno Pereira was laying the groundwork for a mammoth undertaking: a 217-mile trail marking the southwestern border of the Javari Valley Indigenous territory, an area the size of Portugal.

The purpose of the trail is to prevent cattle farmers from encroaching on Javari territory — and it was just the latest effort by Pereira to help Indigenous people protect their natural resources and traditional lifestyles.

While Pereira had long pursued these goals as an expert at the Brazilian Indigenous affairs agency, known as FUNAI, he worked in recent years as a consultant to the Javari Valley's Indigenous organization. That's because after Jair Bolsonaro became Brazil's president in 2019, FUNAI began taking a more hands-off approach toward protecting Indigenous land and people — and the government unapologetically promoted development over environmental protection.

Deeply frustrated, Pereira left the agency and embarked on a more independent — and dangerous — path.

He was last seen alive June 5 on a boat in the Itaquai River, along with British freelance journalist Dom Phillips, near an area bordering Peru and Colombia. On Wednesday, a fisherman confessed to killing Pereira, 41, and Phillips, 57, and took police to a site where human remains were recovered; some remains were identified Friday as belonging to Phillips, while others were confirmed as belonging to Pereira,



A Brazilian Indigenous man takes part in a protest last week outside the Ministry of Justice in Brasilia over the killings of British journalist Dom Phillips, left, and Brazilian Indigenous affairs specialist Bruno Pereira in the Amazon. EVARISTO SA/GTY-AFP

according to a police statement Saturday.

Pereira spoke several times with The Associated Press over the past 18 months, and he talked about his decision to leave FUNAI, which he felt had become a hindrance to his work. After Bolsonaro came to power, the agency was stacked with loyalists and people lacking experience in Indigenous affairs, he said.

"There's no use in me being there as long as these policemen and army generals are calling the shots," he said by phone in November. "I can't do my work under them."

As a technical consultant for the Javari Valley's association of Indigenous people, or Univaja, Pereira helped the group develop a surveillance program to reduce illegal fishing and hunting in a remote region belonging to 6,300 people from seven ethnic groups, many of whom have had little to

no contact with the outside world. He and three other non-Indigenous people trained Indigenous patrollers to use drones and other technology to spot illegal activity, photograph it and submit evidence to authorities.

"When it came to helping the Indigenous peoples, he did everything he could," said Jader Marubo, former president of Univaja. "He gave his life for us."

Like Pereira, Ricardo Rao was an Indigenous expert at FUNAI who, in 2019, prepared a dossier detailing illegal logging in Indigenous lands of Maranhao state. But fearful of being so outspoken under the new regime, he fled to Norway.

"I asked Norway for asylum, because I knew the men I was accusing would have access to my name and would kill me, just like what happened with Bruno," Rao said.

Bolsonaro has repeatedly

advocated tapping the vast riches of Indigenous lands, particularly their mineral resources, and integrating Indigenous people into society. He has pledged not to grant any further Indigenous land protections.

Before taking leave, Pereira was removed as head of FUNAI's division for isolated and recently contacted tribes. That move came shortly after he commanded an operation that expelled hundreds of illegal gold prospectors from an Indigenous territory in Roraima state. His position was soon filled by a former Evangelical missionary with an anthropology background.

The choice generated outcry because some missionary groups have openly tried to contact and convert tribes, whose voluntary isolation is protected by Brazilian law.

Key colleagues of Pereira's at FUNAI either followed his lead and took leave, or

were shuffled to bureaucratic positions far from the demarcation of protected lands, according to a recent report from the Institute of Socioeconomic Studies think tank and the nonprofit Associated Indigenous, which includes current and former FUNAI staff.

The 173-page report published June 13 says many of the agency's experts have been fired, unfairly investigated or discredited by its leaders while trying to protect Indigenous people.

In response to AP questions about the report's allegations, FUNAI said in an emailed statement that it operates "with strict obedience to current legislation" and doesn't persecute its officers.

On the day they went missing, Pereira and Phillips slept at an outpost at the entrance of the main clandestine route into the territory, without passing by the Indigenous agency's permanent

base at its entrance, locals told the AP.

Two Indigenous patrollers told the AP the pair had been transporting mobile phones from the surveillance project with photos of places where illegal fishermen had been. Authorities have said that an illicit fishing network is a focus of the police investigation into the killings.

Pereira's killing will not stop the Javari territory's border demarcation project from moving ahead, said Manoel Chorimpa, an Univaja member involved in the project. And in another sign that Pereira's work will endure, Indigenous patrollers' surveillance efforts have begun leading to the investigation, arrest and prosecution of law-breakers.

Before his time with FUNAI, Pereira worked as a journalist. But his passion for Indigenous affairs and languages — he spoke four — led him to switch careers. His anthropologist wife, Beatriz Matos, encouraged him in his work, even though it meant long stretches away from their home in Atalaia do Norte, and their children. More recently, they were living in Brazil's capital, Brasilia.

In a statement Thursday, FUNAI mourned Pereira's death and praised his work: "The public servant leaves an enormous legacy for the isolated Indigenous people's protection. He became one of the country's top specialists in this issue and worked with highest commitment."

Rubens Valente, a journalist who has long covered the Amazon, said Pereira's work became inherently riskier once he felt it necessary to work independently.

"Fish thieves saw Bruno as a fragile person, without the status and power that FUNAI gave him in the region where he was FUNAI coordinator for five years," Valente said. "When the criminals noticed Bruno was weak, he became an even bigger target."



Daisa Chantel kisses Anthony Beltran at a Juneteenth celebration Saturday in Los Angeles. Now a federal holiday, Juneteenth will be observed on Monday. DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

Juneteenth events emphasize past, address racial disparities

By Jamie Stengle and Cheyanne Mumphrey
Associated Press

DALLAS — After Opal Lee led hundreds in a walk through her Texas hometown to celebrate Juneteenth, the 95-year-old Black woman who helped successfully push for the holiday to get national recognition said it's important that people learn the history behind it.

"We need to know so people can heal from it and never let it happen again," said Lee, whose 2 1/2-mile walk through Fort Worth symbolizes the 2 1/2 years it took for enforcement in Texas of President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which ended slavery in the Southern states.

A year after President Joe Biden signed legislation making June 19 a federal holiday, Americans gathered this weekend at events filled with music, food and fireworks. Celebrations also included an emphasis on learning about the past and addressing racial disparities.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, commem-

orates the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to order freedom for the enslaved people of the state — two months after the Confederacy had surrendered in the Civil War.

A Gallup Poll found that Americans are more familiar with the day than they were last year, with 59% saying they knew "a lot" or "some" about the holiday compared with 37% in May 2021.

Celebrations in Texas included one at a Houston park created 150 years ago by a group of formerly enslaved men who bought the land. At times, it was the only public park available in the area to Blacks, according to the conservancy's website.

"They wanted a place that they could not only have their celebration, but they could do things other things during the year as a community," said Jacqueline Bostic, vice chairwoman of the board for the Emancipation Park Conservancy and the great-granddaughter of one of the park's founders, the Rev. Jack Yates.

As more people learn about Juneteenth, "we want

to harness that and use this moment as a tool to educate people about history and not just African American history but American history," said Ramon Manning, chairman of the board for the conservancy.

In Phoenix, hundreds gathered for an annual event at Eastlake Park, which has been a focal point for civil rights in Arizona. The recently crowned Miss Juneteenth Arizona used her platform to speak about how she felt empowered along with her fellow Black women during the state pageant, which is part of a nationwide competition that showcases the academic and artistic achievements of Black women.

Kendall McCollum, 15-year-old Teen Miss Juneteenth Arizona, said the holiday is about the fight for social justice.

"We have to fight twice as hard to have the same freedoms that our ancestors fought for hundreds of years ago," McCollum said. "It's important we continue to fight for my generation, and this day is important to celebrate how far we've come."

Jan. 6 panel weighs issuing subpoena for Pence to testify

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of the House committee investigating the 2021 U.S. Capitol riot said Sunday that they may subpoena former Vice President Mike Pence.

"We're not taking anything off the table in terms of witnesses who have not yet testified," said Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., who described a Pence subpoena as "certainly a possibility."

The committee has been able to document most of Donald Trump's end of his call to Pence on the morning of the insurrection on Jan. 6, 2021, when the then-president made his final plea for Pence to stop the certification of Joe Biden's victory as Pence presided over the Electoral College count in Congress. Members have not yet documented directly what Pence said in response.

The committee chairman, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., recently said the committee was still "engaging" with Pence's lawyers, while also suggesting it may not be necessary for him to appear because of testimony from many of Pence's aides.

Lawmakers indicated they will release more evidence about Trump's alleged effort to defraud supporters by fundraising off false claims of a stolen presidential election. They also pledged to provide pertinent material to the Justice Department by the end of the month for its criminal investigation. The department complained in a letter last week that the committee was complicating its investigation by not sharing transcripts from its 1,000 interviews.

The panel is also waiting to hear from Virginia "Ginni" Thomas, the wife of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, about



The Jan. 6 panel shows on Thursday an image of then-Vice President Mike Pence making a call from a secure position during the U.S. Capitol siege. MANDEL NGAN/GTY-AFP

her role in the illegal plot to overturn the 2020 election. Committee members hope to learn more about Ginni Thomas' effort to keep Trump in office and the potential conflicts of interest posed on her husband as a result on Jan. 6 cases that come before the court.

Republican state Rep. Rusty Bowers, the Arizona House speaker, is scheduled to testify at the committee's hearing Tuesday focusing on state officials who were contacted by Trump and the White House as Trump tried to overturn the results.

Bowers is likely to be asked about emails he received from Thomas urging him and other state officials to set aside Biden's 2020 win and choose their own set of electors.

"We have questions for her and we may have questions for him as well," said Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif.

Thomas has publicly indicated that she "can't wait" to appear before the committee after receiving their request by letter last week.

Along with emailing Arizona officials, Thomas, who attended a rally Trump held just before the Capitol riot, also had written to then-White House chief

of staff Mark Meadows in the weeks after the election encouraging him to work to overturn Biden's victory. Emails recently obtained by the committee also show Thomas had email communications with John Eastman, the lawyer who played a key role on behalf of Trump in efforts to pressure Pence to overturn the election.

"I think the committee will be interested, in among other things, whether this was discussed with Justice Thomas, given that he was ruling on cases impacting whether we would get some of this information," Schiff said.

This past January, Thomas was the lone member of the court who supported a bid by Trump to withhold documents from the Jan. 6 committee.

Lofgren said the committee would release additional evidence it has gathered on the "big rip off," in which the committee alleges Trump may have committed fraud by fundraising by making a false claim the election was stolen.

Rep. Adam Kinzinger, R-Ill., said that in the end, the public will have a clear picture of a "failure of the oath" by Trump.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forefathers weren't writing about AR-15s

With regard to the right to bear arms, doesn't anyone realize that in the year the Second Amendment was drafted, AR-15s and automatic rifles were never anticipated to exist? Muskets and flintlock rifles that could shoot only one bullet at a time were the arms in 1791. Our forefathers would be astonished to learn how many people can now be killed in a few minutes. The NRA and its members, and the senators who are in opposition to gun-safety laws, should be held responsible for the needless deaths of innocents, including so many children.

The claim that the shooters are mentally ill only proves that if there were tighter gun laws such as background checks, and a ban on automatic weapons, there would be fewer incidents of gun deaths in this country. I also wonder why gun shop owners aren't held responsible when an 18-year-old buys two automatic weapons and loads of ammunition. Shouldn't they be required to report such a sale?

Blanche Moskowitz, Newington

Why does Courant give Biden a free pass?

I cannot understand The Courant. I am 80, and all my life we have had gasoline, heating oil and gas stations; a system that has worked remarkably well. Then Joe Biden is elected, announces he will end the Keystone Pipeline, Alaskan drilling and will move to end fossil fuels. Regulations become oppressive. But no one can understand why there is a shortage of oil and reluctance to invest on the part of major oil companies. But of course – it must be greed. Funny how greed is unique to the oil industry, which in large part built our country. Why does The Courant always give Biden a pass? No mention of Afghanistan, the border, the crime wave (and criminals will always get guns, just as people got liquor during Prohibition), inflation and a shortage of workers due to government giveaways.

I can understand that you don't like Donald Trump, but surely Biden deserves to be called to account for the Green Woke Insanity. Incidentally, do we really want to depend on hostile countries for oil? Yes, detest Trump all you want. But the country was not collapsing under him.

Michael H. Agranoff, Ellington

Democrats should own gun-safety conversation

Many analysts say that Democrats will lose control of the House in the midterm elections. Democrats need to take bold action. A terrible tragedy has happened: the most recent school mass shooting. Democrats have the opportunity to own the prevention of more of these horrible events. They need to take swift, united action to attack the Republicans for preventing effective gun legislation from being passed. And this attack should be directed at the Republican Party in general and at individual Republicans running for office. Of course, not all Democrats are for gun control. Those candidates can either join the movement or sit on the sidelines. There are three key words: Bold (Democrats can't worry about losing pro-gun votes); United (Democrats need to clearly identify gun control as their primary issue); Swift (Democrats need to act quickly so that this concept is embedded well before November elections).

As long as gun owner "rights" outweigh the right of a child to live, there will be no end to these killings. The Democrats have the ability to change this. Will they?

Jay Keiser, Middletown

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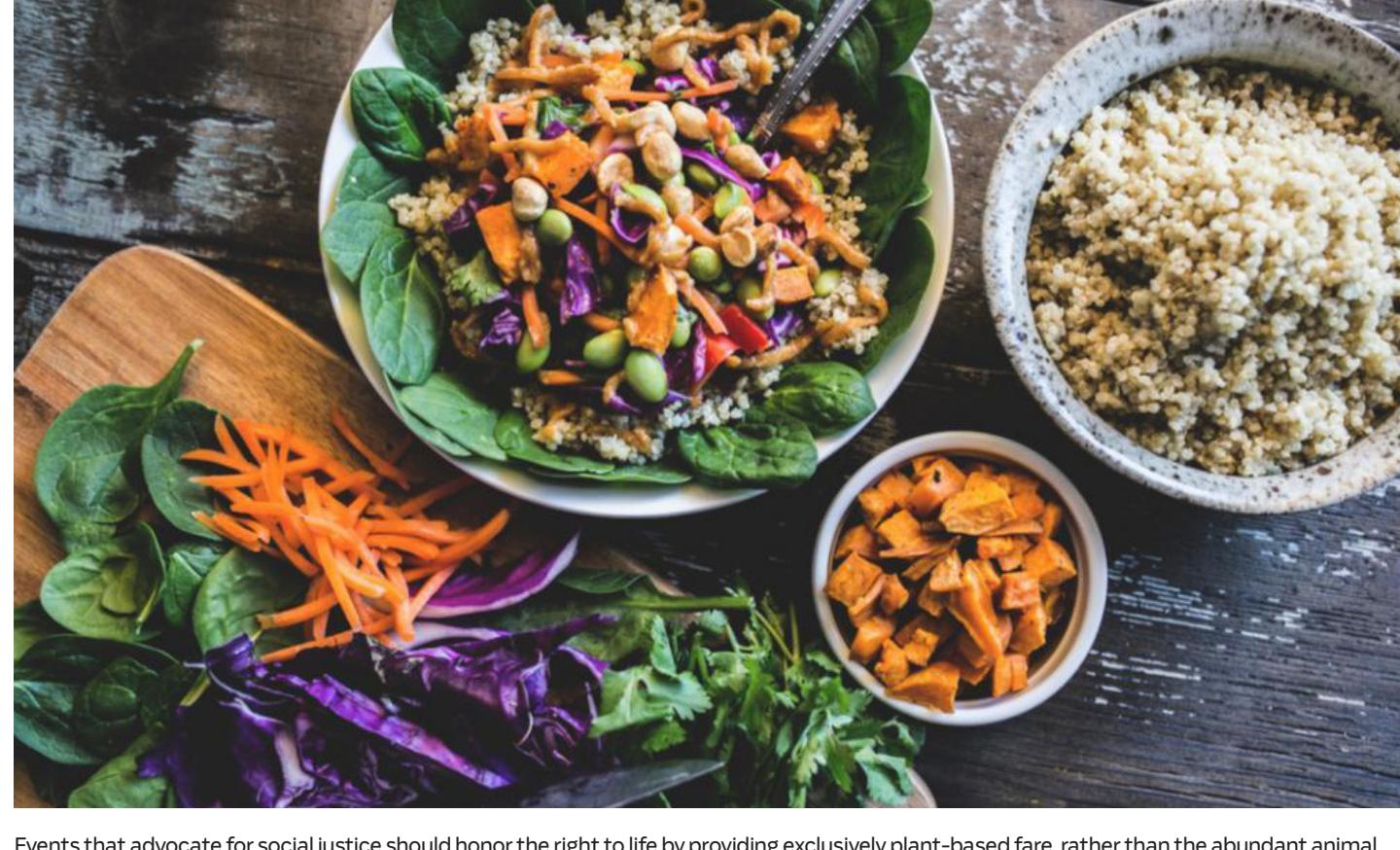
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Events that advocate for social justice should honor the right to life by providing exclusively plant-based fare, rather than the abundant animal products frequently offered to attendees, writes Julia Tannenbaum, of West Hartford. FILE

FRESH TALK

Animal exploitation should not have a place anywhere

By Julia Tannenbaum

Social justice events are excellent venues to bring awareness to meaningful causes, raise money and connect with like-minded individuals. I've attended quite a few, and I always revel in the strong sense of community, camaraderie and passion that envelop these gatherings. However, my recent attendance at two events — mental health and food insecurity — has opened my eyes to an obvious, yet completely overlooked, injustice that's present at so many events that advocate for, well, justice.

I am talking about the food.

When I think back to not only these recent events but to all the social justice events I have attended, there has always been an abundance of animal products offered to attendees, be it the milk-chocolate candy at nearly every booth at a fund-raising walk or the truck selling coffee and doughnuts at a race or the dairy-and-egg-rich pastries at another walk. The latter event also featured mother animals and their babies in cages.

We live in an age where we all know, whether we like to admit it or not, that to eat animal products is to contribute to the needless suffering, exploitation and death of animals. It seems not only wrong, but also incredibly shortsighted to provide these products at events that advocate for justice, equity, awareness and compassion. There would be a public outcry if any one of these inclusive events discriminated against a certain group of individuals, so why is it accepted to discriminate

against animals, who feel pain as we do, who deserve the right to life as we do, and who literally rely on us to speak out against myriad injustices they face?

I'm not asking that such causes advocate for animal rights as well or even address them; all I'm requesting is that they give the most base-level consideration of the right to life and honor this by providing exclusively plant-based fare at social justice events. Again, this age we live in, where fruits, vegetables and plant-based alternatives are abundant, means this would be an extremely easy change to make for us, and it would mean the world for the animals.

In addition to basic animal rights, the connection between veganism and many social justice issues — including mental health and food insecurity — is strong. Plant-based diets have been shown to improve our physical health — and the same can be said about our mental well-being, with studies showing how diets rich in plants reduce anxiety and depression and elevate mood. So it makes even less sense to offer animal products to participants in events centered around mental health.

The relationship between food insecurity and veganism is more complex, and that's largely because of the pervasive misbelief that veganism is expensive and elitist. And sure, veganism can be, but often it's not, and to promote this idea is to erase the many lower-income individuals who practice this lifestyle. What is elitist, however, is the system in which eating meat operates, where the wealthy can afford organic, grass-fed, non-GMO products, and the

poor have to rely on the "cheap meat," such as fast food and meat subsidized by the government, which is typically devoid of nutrition. This contributes to health issues that predominantly impact people with lower incomes; health issues that, again, can be remedied by a diet rich in plant foods. Add that we're growing enough food to feed eighty billion farmed animals, yet we can't even institute a system that feeds nine billion humans, and we should absolutely be bringing veganism into the conversation on food insecurity and hunger.

Ultimately, our dietary choices impact not only animal lives and our personal lives but the socio-cultural norms and systems that govern our society. If the goal is justice for all, then we need to start thinking beyond our own species and about the billions of sentient animals who inhabit Earth with us. Animal exploitation should not have a place anywhere — and certainly not where social justice is involved. Advocacy for one issue should not come at the cost of another. Leave animals off the table — and the booths — in the fight for a more just world.

Julia Tannenbaum, 22, is a writer who lives in West Hartford.

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OP-ED

If Powell's Fed tenure is a success, what would failure look like?

By George F. Will

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Just 36 months ago, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said low inflation — it had averaged just 1.7% for a decade — was the nation's foremost economic challenge. That challenge has been surmounted. Inflation has nullified nominal wage gains; real wages have fallen, hurting most those the Fed most wants to help.

Kevin Warsh, a former member of the Fed's board, wrote that the risk of inflation rises "when policy makers first dismiss the problem and then cast blame elsewhere." Although greed has stained the human story since Eve ate the apple, President Joe Biden and other progressives blame the sudden appearance of greed as the serpent in America's otherwise lush economic garden. Biden says that because the oil market is global, his crusade to save the planet from fossil fuels is not to blame for Americans' novel experience of spending \$100 to fill their gas tanks. But he simultaneously blames greedy U.S. oil companies for restricted supplies.

About five weeks ago, inflation was at a 40-year high and the Fed had stopped describing it as "transitory" when the Senate confirmed Powell to a second term, 80-19. The Wall Street Journal called this a "vote for the inflation status quo." It raised a question: If Powell's stewardship of monetary policy is a success, what would failure look like?

After World War II, the Fed became increasingly ambitious about managing aggregate demand, and then its ambitions metastasized. Although it has much to be modest about concerning its performance of its central responsibility —

preventing inflation — the Fed seems to think monetary policy is suited to solving non-monetary problems. The Economist recently deplored "an insidious change among central bankers globally," the desire "to take on more glamorous tasks" than managing the business cycle, tasks such as reducing social inequalities by engineering "equitable" income distribution through growth that is "inclusive." And "sustainable," meaning fine-tuning the Earth's climate. (The Securities and Exchange Commission, too, wants in on the trendy action: It has devised "climate-related" disclosure requirements for registrants.)

Last year, approximately 15% of Fed research papers concerned inequality. Inequality is, however, a social outcome influenced by fiscal as well as monetary policy, and by many political choices, and by complex multigenerational social processes that government only marginally influences. The Fed's prolonged low interest rates predictably — so, it is fair to say, intentionally — expanded wealth inequality. Low rates serve financial sophisticates: Such rates send torrents of money in search of higher yields into the stock market. Most stocks are owned by the affluent.

The Hoover Institution's John Cochrane, who blogs as the Grumpy Economist, wrote: From March 2020 to early 2021, the Treasury and Fed created \$3 trillion and sent checks to people, then borrowed an additional \$2 trillion and mailed more checks. This "stimulus" — \$3,200 per adult, \$2,500 per child, \$659 billion to small businesses, etc. — pumped up aggregate demand. But the pandemic recession was not the result of insufficient demand.

Cochrane wrote: "In a pandemic, you can send people all the money in the world and they still won't go out to dinner or book a flight, especially if those services are suspended by government fiat. To the economy, a pandemic is like a blizzard. If you send people a lot of money when the snow is falling, you do not get activity in the snowdrifts, but you will get inflation once the snow has cleared."

So, there was promiscuous stimulation of an economy whose already strong recovery was powered by consumers spending down the savings they had piled up during the pandemic. People at the Fed who are paid to know better were surprised that inflation ensued.

The Fed's main job, Cochrane wrote, is "to understand the economy's supply capacity and fill — but not overfill — the cup of demand." Blaming disrupted supply chains for inflation is akin to an army blaming a lost war on the fact that the enemy attacked. "If the Fed is surprised that containers can't get through ports," Cochrane asked, "why does it not have any of its thousands of economists calculating how many containers can get through ports?" Perhaps because the Fed's attention is spread too thin, on "sustainability," "inclusive" growth and all that.

Some epistemic humility from the Fed would be welcome. Epistemology is the field of philosophy concerned with the nature and limits of human knowledge. Concerning inflation, the Fed has much to learn about that nature and those limits, without indulging vaulting ambitions for administering social betterment.

George F. Will writes on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

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Norman D. Jamieson

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Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

OBITUARIES**Jamieson, Norman D.**

We are sad to say our husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend Norman Jamieson has passed away. He is survived by his loving wife Shirley, his sons John and Nick, and their wives Carrie and Jodi, and his grandson Daniel. Norm was a proud Canadian, and a citizen of the USA, loving both countries with all his heart. A hard worker all his days from Durham Manufacturing, Pratt & Whitney and Fire Marshall for the Town of Haddam. Even in his retirement he never stopped working in his garden or on his property by the lake. He had an amazing love of life, always with a smile, a laugh and a helping hand. There will be a celebration of Norman's life at a later date. Arrangements are with Frederick Bros. Funeral Home, Theresa, NY. To leave condolences go to www.frederickbrosfuneralhome.com and access the obituary. Click on the Tribute Wall located on the top left.

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Fuller, Arline Amber (Jones)

Arline Amber Jones Fuller, 98, passed away peacefully on June 13, 2022 at her home in Colchester. Born March 18, 1924 in Middlefield, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Nellie (Scranton) Jones. She grew up on Jones Street in Hebron. In 1941, Arline married the love of her life, Roy Fuller of Marlborough. Together they raised three daughters on Fuller Hill, Jones Hollow Road. Arline's first, and most favorite job, was driving the Roy F. Fuller school bus during WWII through the 1950s. She worked as a Data Processor for Arbor Acres Farm in Glastonbury and the State of Connecticut Health Department in Hartford, retiring in 1987. Arline was a member of the Marlborough Congregational Church, Charter Member of the Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department Women's Auxiliary, Charter Member of the Fowler-Dix-Park Post #5095 Women's Auxiliary, American Legion Post #197 Women's Auxiliary, the Marlborough Grange, and the Marlboro Moose #1826. She was cofounder of the Marlborough Jr Fife and Drum Corps. Arline and Roy spent their winters at Cypress Bend RV Resort in Estero, FL and traveled extensively around the US and overseas. Arline loved gardening, painting, camping, dancing, the ocean, boating, fishing, snowmobiling, having family gatherings, and quilting with her friends at the Marlborough Quilting Club. She was an avid fan of UConn Women's Basketball, the New York Yankees, and most of all, her family. Arline is survived by her daughters Donna Lee Lester and husband Curtis of LaBelle, Florida, Marlene Fuller of Colchester, son-in-law Oscar David Hills of Gilead, brother-in-law Bernard McMaster of Debary, Florida, grandson Daniel John Hills and wife Sonya of Vernon, granddaughter Jessica Rae Zamachaj and husband Alexander of Orange, many great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her daughter Susanna Mae Hills, grandchildren Amber Lee Miner, Jamie Lee Summers and David Roy Hills, three sisters and their husbands Gertrude and Bill McKinney, Laura and Frank Mund, Muriel and Harold Lord, and her brother Corporal Raymond Jones who was killed in Germany during WWII. A Memorial service will be held Thursday June 30th at 11AM in the Spencer Funeral Home 112 Main Street East Hampton. Family and friends may call at the funeral home from 10AM until the time of the service. Burial will follow in the family plot in Marlboro Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Roy B. Pettengill Ambulance Association P.O. Box 308 Marlborough, CT 06447. To leave online condolences please visit www.spencerfuneralhomeinc.com.

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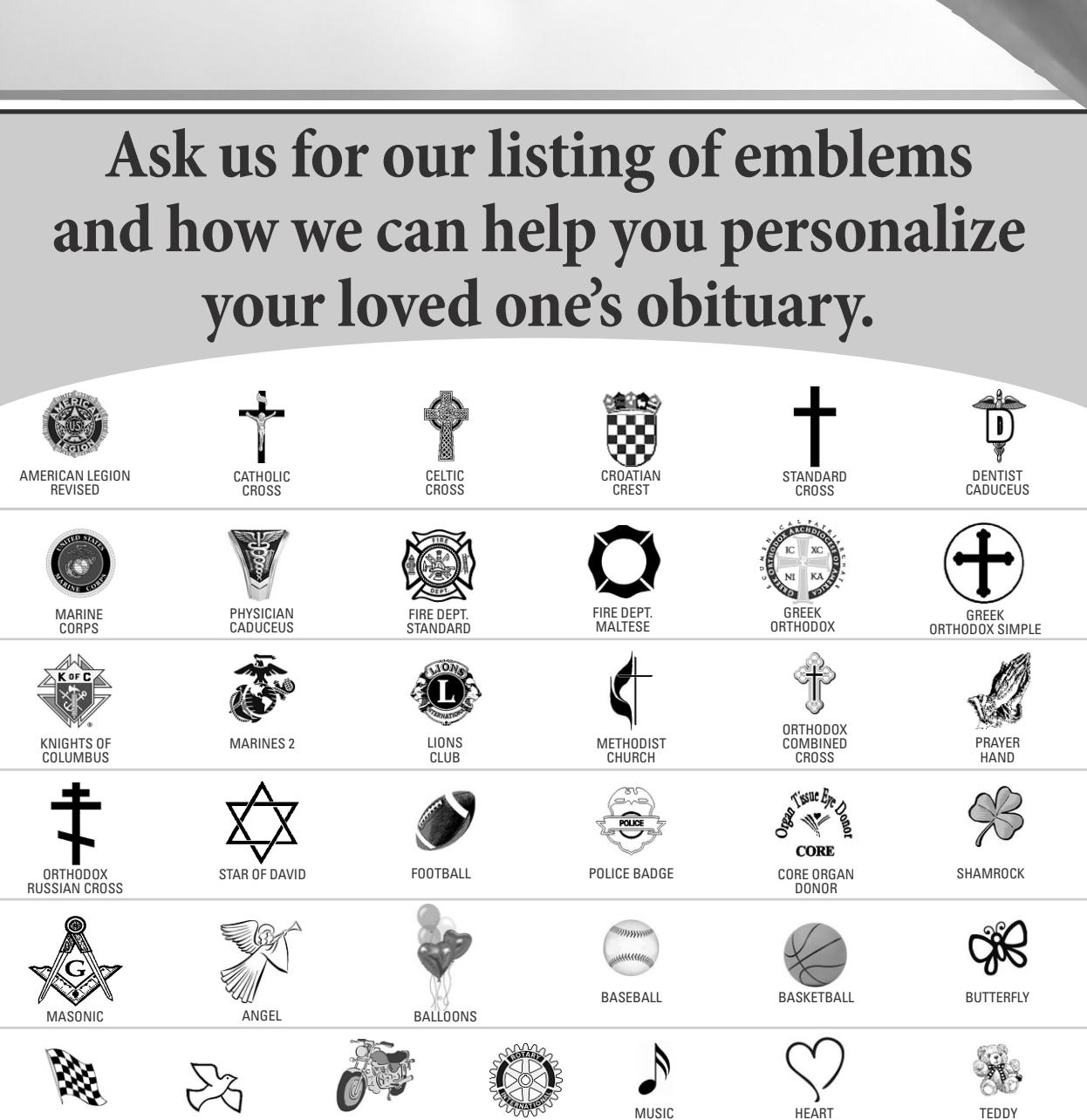
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT JUVENILE MATTERS ORDER OF NOTICE

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A petition has been filed seeking:
Commitment of a minor child(ren) of
the above named or vesting of custody and care
of said child(ren) of the above named in a
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The petition, whereby the court's decision
can affect your parental rights, if any,
regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on:

6/28/2022 at 3:45 p.m. at 978 Hartford
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Therefore, ORDERED, that notice of the
hearing of this petition be given by publishing
this Order of Notice once, immediately upon
receipt, in the Hartford Courant, a newspaper
having a circulation in the town/city of
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Hon. Barbara Hoffman
/s/ Lisa Rinalto, Court Clerk
Date signed: 5/27/22.

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Request for Bids

Community Partners in Action, Inc. (CPA)
is requesting bids for 25kw Natural Gas
Generator at a facility for a juvenile secure
residential treatment program located at
995 Sherman Avenue, Hamden, CT. CPA is a
non-profit, tax-exempt organization.

The bid specifications, project manual, and
project drawings are available on CPA's web
site, www.cpa-ct.org, for download. Please
email info@cpa-ct.org by 6/20/2022 at
11:00 a.m. for a copy of the bid documents.

Sealed bids must be received on or before
11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 1st at
Community Partners in Action, Inc., 110
Bartholomew Avenue, Suite 3010, Hartford,
CT 06106. Emailed bids will be accepted if
received by the deadline. Due to Covid-19,
this will not be a public bid opening. Any
questions regarding this bid must be in writing
and sent to lmaria@cpa-ct.org.

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CITY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The first semi-annual install-
ment of taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2021,
are due and payable on July 1, 2022.
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by August 1, 2022, will cause the tax to
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subject to a minimum interest charge of two
dollars (\$2.00). Since failure to receive a bill
does not invalidate the tax or, in the event of
delinquency, respective penalties, taxpayers
who do not receive a bill by the end of
the first full week of July should request a
duplicate from the Division of Assessment
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Payments may be mailed, using the envelopes
included with the bills; on the city's website,
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'We don't have a seat at the table'

LGBTQ community pushing for state contract set-asides

By Stephen Singer

Hartford Courant

A Connecticut business group is asking that LGBTQ-owned businesses be designated minority enterprises eligible for state contract set-asides, but it will have to wait until a study on whether disparities hinder access is completed this year.

John Pica-Sneeden, executive director of the Connecticut Gay & Lesbian Chamber, said he spoke with Gov. Ned Lamont shortly after he took office in January 2019 advising the governor that the LGBTQ community is

not recognized as a minority.

"We don't have a seat at the table," he said. "We do not have the opportunity to put in a bid for state contracts, to even be considered."

The state set-aside program guarantees that competitive bidding and other contracting will give qualified "but underutilized small businesses" in Connecticut the opportunity to win state contracts, according to the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities.

Set-asides — 25% for small businesses and 25% of those small businesses for enterprises owned by women, ethnic minorities and individuals with disabilities — are

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The crowd participates during a musical performance at Hartford's second annual Juneteenth celebration at Bushnell Park on Sunday. JESSICA HILL PHOTOS/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

JUNETEENTH IN THE PARK



Artist Jaii Marc Renee paints during Hartford's second annual Juneteenth celebration. The event featured live performances, vendors, food, and a showcase of Black art.



Fiona Peters, of Hartford, jumps double Dutch with the assistance of Jadha Foundation double Dutch coach Rodney Hogan.

'Hamilton' makes return to The Bushnell

By Christopher Arnott

Hartford Courant

Lin-Manuel Miranda's massive hit musical "Hamilton" visits The Bushnell for a second time Wednesday through July 10. It's only been four years since it was in Hartford, but a lot has happened since.

Seven years since its Broadway debut, "Hamilton" remains the biggest musical in the land. It is still playing on Broadway, with multiple tours still crisscrossing North America and standing companies in England, Germany and Australia.

The show chronicles the revolutionary rise and abrupt fall of Alexander Hamilton, the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury who helped shape the early years of American self-government. Using hip-hop, modern dance and traditional theater styles, Miranda crafted the show from Ron Chernow's scholarly biography of Hamilton.

Here are the big changes in "Hamilton" consciousness since the show last hit Hartford:

This should be its third visit

"Hamilton" was scheduled to come to Hartford again in December 2020. The



"Hamilton" is returning on tour to The Bushnell, and a couple of Hartford museums are welcoming it with exhibits about the show's 18th-century inspirations. JOAN MARCUS

If you go

What: "Hamilton" the musical

When: Wednesday through July 10. Performances are Tuesdays through Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 1 and 7 p.m., and an added matinee Thursday at 1 p.m.

Where: The Bushnell, 166 Capitol Avenue, Hartford

Tickets: \$69-\$266. There is also an online lottery for \$10 tickets at www.bushnell.org.

excitement was so great for such a speedy return that the announcement was made in April 2019. The "Hamilton" rebooking was part of The Bushnell's 2020-21 season but was used to goose ticket sales for its 2019-20 season, pushing the idea that existing subscribers would have first dibs on "Hamilton" seats when they renewed their subscriptions. Then COVID-19 struck. The Bushnell held onto the date as long as it could, but both the theater and the tour ended up on hiatus. As Bushnell executive director David Fay put it at the time, "We had to go to the back of the line" in terms of the "Hamilton" touring schedule, adding 18 months before the show could return.

Live stage recording released in 2020

A live stage recording of the Broadway production of "Hamilton," starring Miranda, Leslie Odom Jr., Phillipa Soo, Daveed Diggs and the rest of the show's original cast, was aired with great fanfare on Disney+ starting in July 2020. Up to that point, if you hadn't seen "Hamilton" in a theater, you hadn't

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Experts urge safety amid boom in boating

Connecticut has seen 'slight uptick' in deaths this year

By Stephen Underwood
Hartford Courant

MANCHESTER — As boaters head to waterways across Connecticut, officials are stressing safety. Though summer is just starting, Connecticut has already seen nearly half as many boating deaths as it did in 2021.

So far this season four people have died, according to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Last month a boater was reported missing after going into the water at Candlewood Lake in Brookfield. The man, who has not been identified, went missing May 29. Remains of an unidentified person were recovered on June 16.

Back in April, a child died and three others were hospitalized when their boat capsized at Wyassup Lake in North Stonington. Also that month, two men died and two others were listed in critical condition after their boat capsized on Long Island Sound.

"We are seeing a slight uptick in fatalities at this point in the year," said Jacob Budris, boating safety instructor and environmental analyst with DEEP. "While information on the fatalities is still coming out, there are three main causes overall for boating accidents: drinking or drug use while operating a boat, not wearing a life jacket and underestimating the conditions for the day. All can play a role."

Last year seven people died in boating accidents in Connecticut — all males with an average age of 45. However, DEEP stressed some are still under active investigation.

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Make Music Day is Tuesday

Here's where you can find free Connecticut concerts

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Music is the universal language. In 1982, Make Music Day was born in France, where it is called Fête de la Musique. It spread all over the world and is now celebrated every June 21, the longest day of the year, in more than 1,000 cities.

In Connecticut, several cities and towns will host free music events. More events will be added to this list as the day nears.

Coventry

The Song A Day Music Center, 2809 Boston Turnpike, will open its doors to the public for performances by its students and instructors from 4 to 9 p.m. makemusicday.org/coventry

Fairfield

The Snack Bar at Jennings Beach, 880 S. Benson Road, will be the site of nine hour-long concerts from noon to 9 p.m. The acts are Brian Dolzani, A Pallet for the Shoal, Cosmic Error, Adrenaline, Fairfield County Mini Chorale, The Lovebirds, Lackluster Brother, Park City Blues Band and Tweed Sugar. makemusicday.org/fairfield

Guilford

Henry Whitfield State Museum, 248 Old Whitfield St. in Guilford, will host a free concert by the Afro-Semitic Experience from 6 to 8 p.m. portal.ct.gov

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intended to establish "greater inclusion of historically disadvantaged persons in state-funded public works contracts," the state agency said.

"The program, in turn, contributes to the state's economic development by allowing dollars to be turned over within the state and keeping state dollars in local small businesses," CHRO said in testimony to the legislature in 2021.

Pica-Sheeden said eligible LGBT businesses would be certified as an LGBTQ business if 51% of a company is owned by someone in the LGBTQ community.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Administrative Services referred questions to information posted on the agency's

website about a disparity study authorized in state law in 2021. The study was not launched until this year, according to DAS.

"Ensuring equitable outcomes is paramount to the Lamont administration's work whether it be in education, workforce training, economic development or access to assistance or contracting," DAS Commissioner Michelle Gilman said in a blog post in April.

"Equity in contracting is more important than ever as we work to recover from the pandemic and we see an influx of projects with the passage of the federal bipartisan infrastructure package."

To make informed policy decisions about strengthening state contracting programs, the study will determine if "unintentional institutional, procedural or financial barriers" stand in the way of state contracting. She cited the DAS's Supplier Diversity Program,

also known as a "set-aside program," that helps small businesses and minority businesses identify development opportunities.

Overall, the study will review state contracting practices and conduct a quantitative analysis to determine whether women and minority-owned businesses are underutilized in state contracting compared with the impact and role of small and minority businesses in Connecticut's economy.

State Rep. Harry Arora, R-Greenwich, was among 28 House members to oppose the legislation. He said he's a "big supporter" of set-aside programs that he said help expand the economy. But he does not believe set-aside programs are effective because they do not include all groups, such as the LGBTQ community.

"The disparity analysis had nothing in there," he said. "Let's flesh this out make and sure it's done well on a competitive basis.

There was nothing in the legislation to make that happen."

But Sal Luciano, who then was president of the Connecticut AFLCIO, told lawmakers he supported the study.

"Inequities are deep-rooted in Connecticut. Long standing social and economic disparities have been built into state and budgets, policies and procedures for generations," Luciano told the Labor & Public Employees Committee in testimony. "The COVID-19 pandemic exposed and deepened these inequities, especially in the areas of public Pre-K-12 and higher education, health care access, mental health access, housing, and workforce development. There is no better time than now to begin addressing these disparities."

Stephen Singer can be reached at ssinger@courant.com.

Safety

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According to the U.S. Coast Guard, 77% of boating deaths nationally were due to drowning and 75% weren't wearing life jackets. Alcohol and drug use was the leading cause of boating-related deaths in 22% of adults and children in the U.S.

In Connecticut, 57% of fatalities involved alcohol or drug use and 71% were not wearing a life jacket, according to DEEP.

Budris stresses that accidents are preventable and it's essential that all boaters, whether they're new or experienced, understand boating safety and the law.

A boating boom

In Connecticut, all boats with motors — regardless of length — and all sailboats powered by sail alone, 19 ½ feet or longer, must be registered before launching.

New boat registrations in Connecticut nearly doubled in 2020, according to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The state saw a surge in sales of personal water vessels during the COVID-19 pandemic as more people looked to hit the water while social distancing.

"Our state has seen an increase in boat sales in the past few years," said Budris. "However, we have less boating registrations overall than we've had in the past. But we are definitely seeing more registrations than usual. We have yet to tell if this trend will continue or reverse."

In addition to being registered, all recreational boaters are required to have either a Safe Boating Certificate or a Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation to operate a boat in Connecticut. A Safe Boating Certificate permits an individual to operate any recreational vessel, except for a personal watercraft, on Connecticut's waters. A Certificate of Personal Watercraft Operation allows

an individual to operate any recreational vessel, including a personal watercraft such as a jet ski.

"We were seeing about 500 people register for boating certificate courses per year before the pandemic," said Patrick Kilby, owner and lead instructor of Current Boating Education, which offers boating safety courses across the state. "That number has since doubled as more people have purchased personal water vessels in the last few years."

Kilby is also a marine patrol officer for the town of Coventry and was hired to ramp up enforcement at Coventry Lake this season.

"There's more folks on the water and so there's more chance for accidents," said Kilby. "It's hard to track people who are not safety certified operating a boat in the state. It can be hard to enforce that requirement since you can buy a boat without needing a certification first."

The fine for operating a boat without having the proper safety certification in Connecticut is \$125.

"When we stop someone who does not have the proper certification, we do issue a fine," said Kilby. "But there's no more tracking after that. There's really no way to tell if they just pay the fine and don't take the course."

Under Connecticut law, boating certifications are valid for life with no re-certification requirements. Some boating safety advocates are beginning to question whether that requirement should change in light of the recent uptick in deaths.

"There's been a lot of discussion around making boating safety certifications more like driver's licenses," said Kilby. "Right now under current law if you passed a boating safety course in the 1980s or 1990s it would still be valid today. There is some merit to making sure boaters are getting safety training more frequently."

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Music Day

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Hartford

■ Pratt Street in downtown Hartford will be the site of open-air performances by Michelle Li and Alaina Chester from 11 to 11:45 a.m.; Christie Echols from noon to 12:45 p.m.; Danielle Montemerlo from 1 to 1:45 p.m.; and Allison Lazor and Alexander Kollias from 2 to 2:45 p.m. makemusicday.org/hartford.

■ Blessings Divine will perform at the Albany Branch of Hartford Public Library, 1250 Albany Ave., from 2 to 3 p.m. makemusicday.org/hartford.

■ Steel pan drum lessons will be at the downtown branch of Hartford Public Library, 500 Main St., from 2 to 3 p.m. hplct.org/events.

■ Jimmy Gavagan will give bucket drumming lessons at the Barbour Street Branch of Hartford Public Library, 261 Barbour St., from 2 to 3 p.m. hplct.org/events.

■ "Take a Drum Ride with Bob Bloom" will be at the Dwight Branch of Hartford Public Library, 7 New Park Ave., from 2 to 3 p.m. makemusicday.org/hartford.

■ Basses Loaded, led by Matt Dwonszyk, will be at the Old State House, 800 Main St., from 3 to 4 p.m. makemusicday.org/hartford.

■ Bushnell Park Performance Pavilion will host Hydro8sixty from 4 to 6 p.m. makemusicday.org/hartford.

■ People who have brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments and know how to play them can join musicians from the Hartt School of Music, led by conductor Dan D'Addio, in a concert of music by "The March King" John Philip Sousa. "Sousapalooza" will be at Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, 300 Columbus Blvd., from 6 to 7 p.m. Register at riverfront.org.

■ Butler McCook House, 396 Main St., will host a free participatory rhythm and dance class led by Ed Fast and Conga Bop, with Chantal Edwards, starting at 6 p.m. Ed Fast's band will put on a concert of Afro-Cuban jazz dance music starting at 7 p.m. Evening sponsored by Greater Hartford Arts Council. ctlandmarks.org.

■ Meriden Midtown Plaza, 55 West Main St., will host the Meriden All Stars from 11 to 11:30 a.m., Meriden Senior Center Drums and Ukulele from noon to 1 p.m. and Kevin Scarpati from 1 to 2 p.m. makemusicnewhaven.org.

■ The Rosa Ponselle Garden at the Augusta Curtis Cultural Center, 175 East Main St. in Meriden, hosts Philomena Nesci and Louis Nesci from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. makemusicnewhaven.org.

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NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

'HUSTLE': If a long sigh were a person, he would be NBA scout Stanley Sugarman (Adam Sandler). He's burned out and his dreams have been dashed. Or as tells his wife (Queen Latifah): "Guys in their 50s don't have dreams, they have nightmares. And eczema." So he swallows his pride and drags his suitcase through Europe, looking for potential international draft picks. When he arrives in Spain, he spies a 6-foot-9 ringer in Timberlands (Utah Jazz power forward Juancho Hernangomez) crushing it in a street game and walking away with a fistful of cash. That's one kind of hustle the title is referring to. There's another — of a man past his prime who perks up when he spots a diamond in the rough. Stanley is convinced this humble construction worker named Bo Cruz is his next great find. His boss with the Philadelphia 76ers says no way, the guy's a nobody, so Stanley brings the kid back to the States anyway, on his own dime. But wait, there's another kind of hustle at play — of the drive needed to compete at the NBA level. Bo is quiet and inexperienced and sometimes rattled by trash talk. There's an assault charge from his past that complicates matters. But he has Stanley in his corner. Poor beaten-down Stanley, who believes in this kid. And friends, you have yourselves a sports drama. Streaming on Netflix. 1:57. 2 stars. — *Nina Metz, Chicago Tribune*

'I'M CHARLIE WALKER': It's never a good thing when the postscript to a film based on a true story is more interesting than the actual movie itself. This is unfortunately the case with Patrick Gilles' "I'm

Charlie Walker," a biopic about an enterprising Black trucker who won a lucrative contract to help clean up the largest oil spill in San Francisco Bay history in 1971 when two Standard Oil tankers collided. As interview footage of the real Charlie Walker plays with text cards just before the credits roll, it's clear that this film would have been better as a documentary. "I'm Charlie Walker" has all the makings of an entertaining period piece: a little-known true story, an environmental disaster, a colorful setting and a fascinating subject in Charlie, played by the compelling actor Mike Colter ("Luke Cage"). It should be a gripping tale of triumph over adversity set against a unique backdrop and moment in cultural history. But the narrative gets bogged down in questions of permitting and licenses and blackmail, and the script has a bad case of telling us, rather than showing, the problems that Charlie faces. Gilles manages to make every choice that renders this story completely uninteresting. Available via video on demand. 1:18. 1 star. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

'JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION': The "Jurassic Park"/"Jurassic World" franchise always favored a janky, what-should-we-try-this-time approach. Fans of dinosaurs (and who isn't?) and the 1993 Steven Spielberg original based on Michael Crichton's novel, have been forgiving enough to show up for most or all of the sequels, with their new batches of dinosaurs and hilariously secondary humans. As I took my seat for a recent preview screening of "Jurassic World Dominion," the family

on my left was debating which was the worst in the series so far: the second movie in the first trilogy or the second in the second. Well, it's neither. I'm afraid it's this new one, "Jurassic World Dominion," and neither its blobby story structure nor a frenetic running time of nearly two and a half hours (longest in the franchise) is the problem, really. The problem is filmmaking craft, and how little director Colin Trevorrow (who made "Jurassic World") brings to bear on the project. Something's off here, all the way through the film's warring personalities and wan subplots. The results may enjoy a big haul this summer, given the film's nostalgic Grand Finale trappings and the melding of the first trilogy's headliners — Sam Neill, Laura Dern and Jeff Goldblum — with the second trilogy's nominal leads. But you know how it is with brand-name blockbusters. Whether they personally bust your blocks means nothing. The IP is everything. 2:27. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

'LIGHTYEAR': Disney has made big business mining content from content, with spinoffs and sequels and multiverses. "Lightyear," the latest Disney/Pixar animated film, has been extracted from the much-beloved "Toy Story" universe, but it's a bit unique. It's sort of a prequel, in that it's intended to be Andy's favorite movie, the one that spawned the Buzz Lightyear toy that took up residence in his room with Woody and the rest of his pals. So "Lightyear" is not about Buzz Lightyear, the toy, but about Buzz Lightyear, the character, and this satisfying animated



Buzz Lightyear, voiced by Chris Evans, in a scene from the animated film "Lightyear."

DISNEY/PIXAR

sci-fi adventure is a good choice for Andy's favorite flick. Though Tim Allen originally voiced Buzz, Chris Evans has taken over vocal duties in "Lightyear," and with Evans in the role, there's more than a few times one will wish this was a live-action film. "Lightyear" — directed by Angus MacLane, and written by MacLane, Matthew Aldrich and Jason Headley — manages to strike an interesting tone between "adult drama" and "kiddie adventure," with a serious sci-fi story that has been dusted with some good humor and the therapy-approved life lessons we've come to expect from Disney movies. 1:40. 2 1/2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'OFFICIAL COMPETITION': "Official Competition" makes a statement about the state of the film industry, with deep-pocketed investors looking for something that's "the best" without having any clue about what that actually means. Argentinian directors Gaston Duprat and Mariano Cohn — with their longtime collaborator, screenwriter Andres Duprat — send up film

culture in this tragicomic dissection of the artist's way, or rather, ways. Legendary Spanish stars Penelope Cruz and Antonio Banderas team up with Duprat, Cohn and Argentinian star Oscar Martinez to embody the different strains of pretentiousness that permeate the film industry, and the combustion that happens when all three are thrown together in a high-pressure situation. In Spanish with English subtitles. 1:54. 3 1/2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'TOP GUN: MAVERICK': It couldn't outmaneuver the pandemic enemy that delayed its release for two years, but "Top Gun: Maverick" can't lose, really. It's a pretty good time, and often a pretty good movie. It's cozy. And it'll be catnip for those eager to watch Tom Cruise flash That Look. What is That Look? It's the half-smile of insubordination when a superior officer (Ed Harris or Jon Hamm this time) busts test pilot and congenital speedster Capt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell's chops, ineffectively. It's The Look that goes with an eternally boyish voice and demeanor.

Capt. Mitchell, who lives alone in the desert with his beloved Kawasaki motorcycle, is called to a new and time-sensitive duty by his old cohort Iceman (Val Kilmer), now a U.S. Pacific Fleet commander. Maverick has three weeks to train a group of new Top Gun aces to destroy a uranium enrichment plant in an unspecified but assuredly Slavic location. One of the trainees is Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw (Miles Teller), the grudge-laden son of Maverick's late radar intercept officer, Goose, played by Anthony Edwards back when. It's silly-rousing enough to satisfy younger and older audiences alike. It may help to have hated the original, but I liked this one, even though it's not so very different from the first. Thirty-six years from now, we'll probably be watching Cruise teaching a new cadre of flying aces. Only the planet will have changed. 2:17. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES

Carey among songwriters inducted

From news services

After a glittering career stuffed with No. 1 hits — not to mention a two-year pandemic delay — Mariah Carey was finally inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame on Thursday, but not before challenging her new fellow members to do better by women.

"I read that out of the 439 total inductees into the Songwriters Hall of Fame, only 32 have been women, until now," she said at the end of a four-hour celebration in New York.

Carey was the headliner, following the inductions of the weirdly cool producers the Neptunes, the British electro-pop band Eurythmics, psychedelic bluesman Steve Miller and the iconic Isley Brothers. Songwriters are eligible for induction after writing hit songs for at least 20 years. New slates are voted on by the membership.

St. Vincent kicked off the night with a blistering cover of Eurythmics' "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)." She later came to the lectern to recount the time she first caught a glimpse on MTV when a "beautiful, orange-haired androgynous creature appeared wearing a suit and tie." That was Annie Lennox, who with Dave Stewart led the New Wave charge in the 1980s. The Eurythmics then reunited for a rendition of "Here Comes the Rain Again."

Bryan Cranston introduced his friend Miller, who perfected a psychedelic blues sound with such hits as "Take the Money and Run," "Abracadabra," "The Joker," "Jet Airliner" and "Jungle Love." Miller took to the stage for a spacy, effect-heavy version of his hit "Fly Like an Eagle."

Representing the Isley Brothers were Elaine Isley Goodstone, Ernie Isley and Ronald Isley. Ernie Isley reminded the guests that

Mariah Carey speaks early Friday at the Songwriters Hall of Fame induction gala in New York. *CHARLES SYKES/INVISION*

their early hit "Shout" was recorded 63 years ago and their music would go on for decades. The two men performed a medley that included "That Lady," "It's Your Thing" and "Between the Sheets."

Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis introduced another songwriting duo — Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo who as the Neptunes shaped pop and urban radio in the '90s and 2000s thanks to crafting hits for Britney Spears, Jay-Z, Justin Timberlake, Usher and Beyoncé.

Questlove introduced Carey and regretted that all too often her songwriting chops were often overlooked. With 19 No. 1 hits on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, she is only behind the Beatles. Carey said she always has to remind people she's a songwriter first, but the diva label seems to stick more.

Other artists sang a medley of Carey's songs,

including "Fantasy," "Hero," "Make It Happen" and "We Belong Together."

Lil Nas X was honored with the Hal David Starlight Award, which recognizes "gifted young songwriters who are making a significant impact in the music industry via their original songs."

Non-performing solo nominees this year were William "Mickey" Stevenson, a producer during Motown's golden era, and Rick Nowels, who co-wrote more than 60 Top 20 singles worldwide.

June 20 birthdays: Actor Bonnie Bartlett is 93. Actor James Tolkan is 91. Musician Brian Wilson is 80. Singer Anne Murray is 77. TV host Bob Vila is 76. Singer Lionel Richie is 73. Actor John Goodman is 70. Actor Nicole Kidman is 55. Actor Tika Sumpter is 42. Singer Alison Porter is 41. Singer Grace Potter is 39. Actor Dreema Walker is 36.

Dear Amy: After 36 years, I found out via a DNA test that the father of my daughter was the product of a one-night stand, and that she is not the daughter of the man I married.

All those years ago, when I found out I was pregnant, I married the man I was dating and in love with. I've had no contact with the one-night stand man since the morning after.

Do I tell my daughter? I'm concerned about this because she knows that the man I married (her non-DNA dad, whom I later divorced) is an alcoholic. His mother and two aunts each died of genetic cancers.

If she learns about her DNA, my daughter will no longer believe she carries those potentially life-ending traits, but I still wonder if she should be told.

— *Mama's Baby, Daddy's maybe*

Dear Mama: Yes, you should tell your daughter.

If you can't justify telling her the truth about her genetic history simply because it is the truth (and medically important to her), consider this: She's going to find out, anyway.

The ubiquity of DNA testing is quickly blowing the lid off family secrets.

You don't actually have to spend years sitting on this knowledge and wrestling with this dilemma.

Because she's going to find out, anyway. So tell her now.

People should know the truth about their DNA heritage, if at all possible. Sometimes the truth carries tremendous surprises. Oftentimes it

answers deep-seated questions people have held but never expressed — about hair or eye color, preferences and personality.

Your daughter might blame or judge you for your long-ago one-night-stand. Given the genetic history you cite, she might also feel a sense of relief.

Regardless of how she greets this news, you are ethically bound to deliver it.

Dear Amy: My husband had a vasectomy 15 years ago — after having two children in his previous marriage.

I was 18 when we married and assured him (and myself) that I was OK not having a baby of our own and that I was fine with the little family we had.

We've now been married for six years. I'm now 24, and brought up the topic of wanting a baby to my husband. (It's weird how you change from 18 to 24.)

We started going to consultations, found a doctor we loved and got a credit card just to pay for the procedure.

Last night, he admitted to me that he never wanted to have another baby, and that he was just going through the motions to make me happy.

He said he does not want to raise another baby in his 40s.

I am heartbroken and I just want to move on. Your advice?

— *Childless Not by Choice*

Dear Childless: The choice to have a vasectomy is a pretty solid indicator that your husband had made up his mind about not

ASK AMY

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DNA results might be a relief for daughter

fathering more children; you obviously discussed this before marrying, and it sounds as if he has done his best to be honest with you.

However, you were still a teenager when you and he married, and he — as the far older person — should have anticipated that you would continue to mature.

This is the most important issue you will face as a couple, and whatever choice you make will affect the rest of your lives in a deeply important way.

It is unlikely that your desire for a child will lessen with time — instead, this yearning will grow.

You and your husband should see an experienced couples counselor who could help you to navigate through this extremely thorny issue. You would also benefit from individual counseling.

Dear Amy: May I suggest what we do with unsolicited cards? We donate them to a local women's prison. The ladies are unable to purchase birthday and other cards for their loved ones but still like to remember their folks on special days.

Perhaps other towns have similar programs. Hope this helps!

— *Alison*

Dear Alison: I love this idea! Many prisons have extreme restrictions about material that can be donated. Obviously men as well as women would benefit from receiving blank cards (and stamps).

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Christopher Briney and Lola Tung in "The Summer I Turned Pretty." AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Filming full of firsts for creator, star of 'Summer I Turned Pretty'

By Alicia Rancilio
Associated Press

The new Amazon Prime Video series "The Summer I Turned Pretty" is a coming-of-age story about a teenager who finds herself in a love triangle while on summer vacation.

For its star, 19-year-old newcomer Lola Tung, along with creator and co-showrunner Jenny Han, filming during summer 2021 was an equally memorable time filled with new experiences and life lessons.

Both relocated to Wilmington, North Carolina, to film the show's first season. It was Tung's first acting job and Han's first time as a showrunner. (She shares a co-showrunner title with co-creator Gabrielle Stanton.). Han wrote the book the series is based on and also is the author of the "To All the Boys" trilogy, which was adapted into films for Netflix.

"The Summer I Turned Pretty," which recently debuted on Amazon Prime Video, follows Isabel "Belly" Conklin who — along with her mom and older brother — spends every summer at the beach

with family friends, the Fishers. Belly is the only girl in the bunch and has always been treated as the tagalong little sister. This summer, however, she's more mature and arrives at the beach as a pretty teenager, turning heads wherever she goes. Soon Belly is in a love triangle with the Fisher brothers, Conrad and Jeremiah, played by Christopher Briney and Gavin Casalegno.

Tung says she and her young castmates arrived in Wilmington early to get comfortable with the location and one another. "We got used to being in Wilmington, we got used to being together and were able to form this bond that was similar to the bond with your childhood friends and that we needed to have for the show," she said.

Showrunners aren't always present for filming, but Han wanted to be there for the duration to match the tone she created for the book.

"It's not a super-high concept show in that it's not a big mystery to be solved or like a procedural or fantasy. It's really this little moment in one

girl's life, and to me that's personal. And I wanted to do it to feel personal."

Han's presence gave Tung the confidence she needed to play Belly.

"I always had access to her if I had any questions about scenes or questions about character," Tung said. "She always knew how I was feeling and how to comfort me and be there for me."

As a showrunner, Han also learned on the job and says the most difficult aspect was becoming a problem solver-at-large.

"Everyone looks to you for answers all day long, and you are holding the whole story in your hands. You have just a million different problems to solve. It used to be as a novelist of just solving my own problems and my character's problems, but on a show, you have a lot of other people's problems to figure out."

Amazon has already ordered a second season of "The Summer I Turned Pretty," and Tung says she's not picking a favorite between Conrad and Jeremiah Fisher.

"I'm team Belly," she laughs.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You can get your message across loud and clear today. Get on your soapbox and let people know what you're about. This is a great day to do some writing but also to get out and talk to people. You might be the most popular person in the room.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): A spark of inspiration is coming your way, and it could be used to your worldly advantage. Be willing to bet on schemes that you normally think are too risky because they could turn out to be rewarding. Likewise, a helping hand could appear when you least expect it.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Your friends are likely a truly integral part of your life, and they can really prove that truth today. This is one of the best days of the year to get together with people and enjoy yourselves. Consider planning something where people can mingle and make new acquaintances.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): An unexpected idea or last-minute plan could help you travel further up the ladder today. Be willing to share your thoughts, because your boss could be very impressed by them and decide you're just the person to lead the way forward. This isn't the day to hide your light.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You might need to look a bit further beyond your own backyard for what you need at this time. Your friends and extended connections help remind you of all the distant possibilities on the horizon. Let someone from a very different walk of life be your guide on this new road.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your ideas might be worth their weight in gold today in your profession. This could result in your work efforts being rewarded with a big bonus or boost of greater authority. Remember whether or not you know what you're doing, faking it until you make it can work in a pinch.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Partnerships are emphasized for you today. This makes for a great day to grow in tandem with someone, whether that means taking in a museum exhibit or attending a lecture. This person could be a lover or a close friend. Either way, you learn more easily together than apart.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can hit the nail on the head today with a precision that will impress others. You can put this to good use in your routine, making it easier to cut out frills and streamline your life into a more efficient state. Examine your routine to improve its overall quality.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone special could bring much joy your way, although you could just as easily be the one providing someone else with reasons to smile. Celebrate what you and a particular person have built, and remember that this doesn't apply strictly to romance — any of your peers may be worthy of your efforts.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's a good idea to tend to matters around the house today, especially any tasks you've left unfinished. Whether it's just laundry or a whole room that requires redecorating, roll up your sleeves and get to it. The process should be more enjoyable than you expect.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This isn't a day for you to shirk the limelight, Aquarius, giving you the urge to put yourself out on center stage. Even if you normally prefer to hide out in the wings, every once in a while, it's a good idea to let people see what you've got on offer. It's your turn to put on a show.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You've likely got more support than you realize, but today you won't be able to miss it. You'll be able to see exactly what you need to feel better and how you can achieve it. This transit also highlights women in your life, so listen for some wonderful words of feminine wisdom.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On June 20, 1893: a jury in Massachusetts found Lizzie Borden not guilty of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1943: race-related rioting erupted in Detroit;

federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence.

Service laws by refusing to be drafted.

In 1974: the film noir "Chinatown," was released.

In 2016: the U.S. Supreme Court bolstered police powers, ruling that evidence of a crime in some cases may be used against a defendant even if the police did something illegal in obtaining it.

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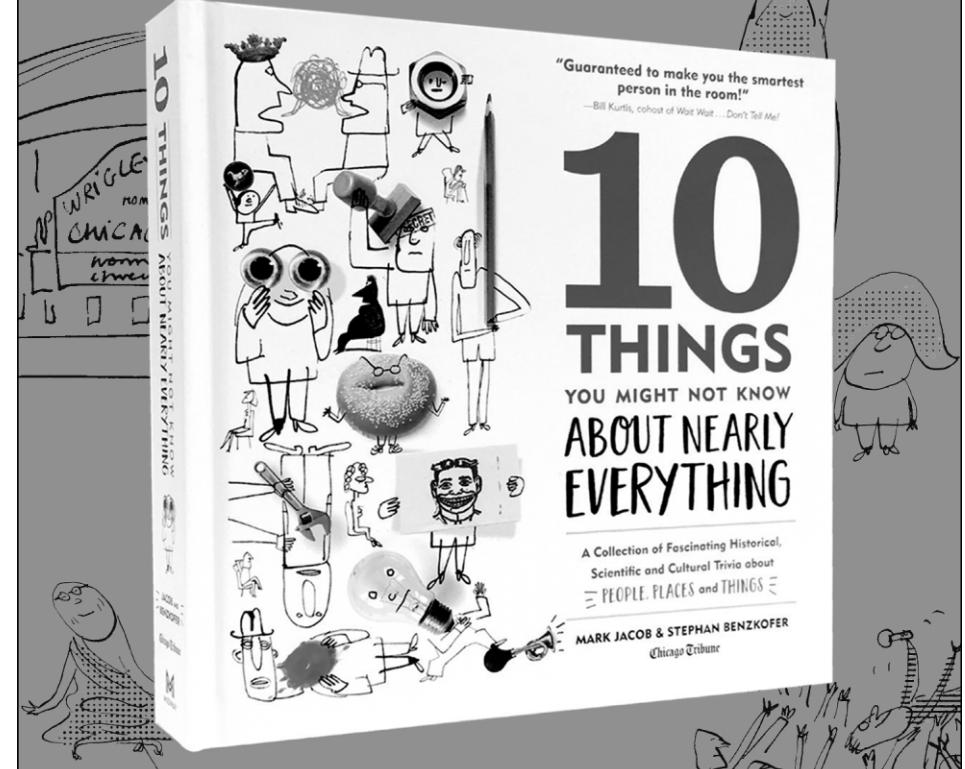
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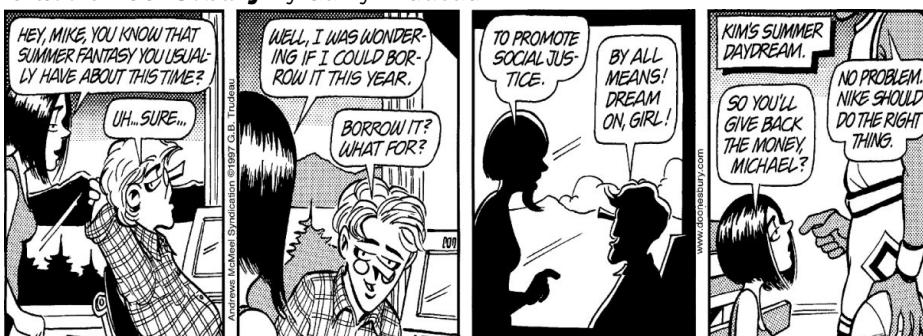
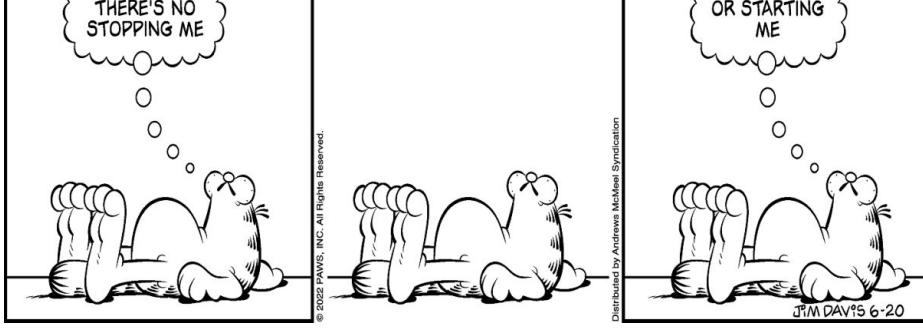
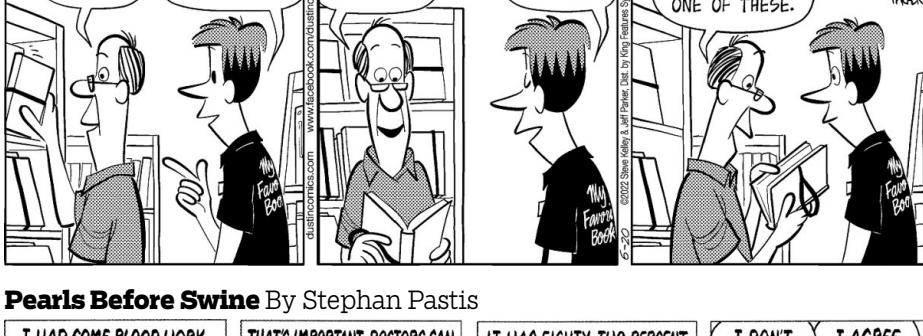
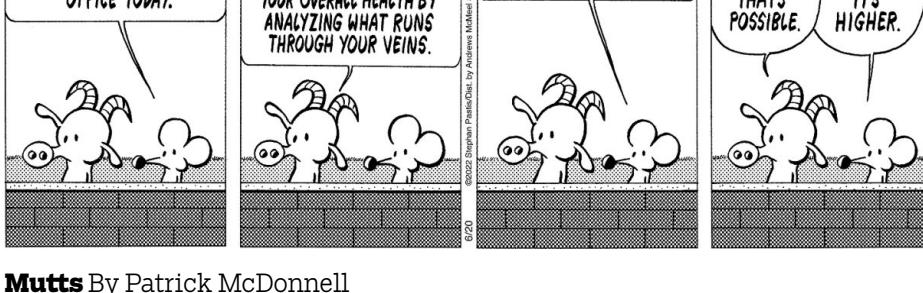
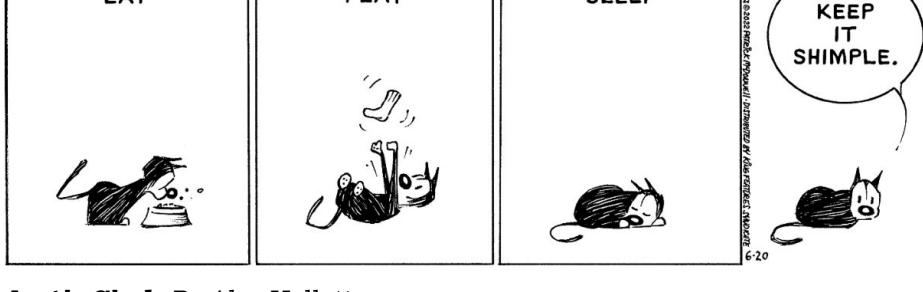
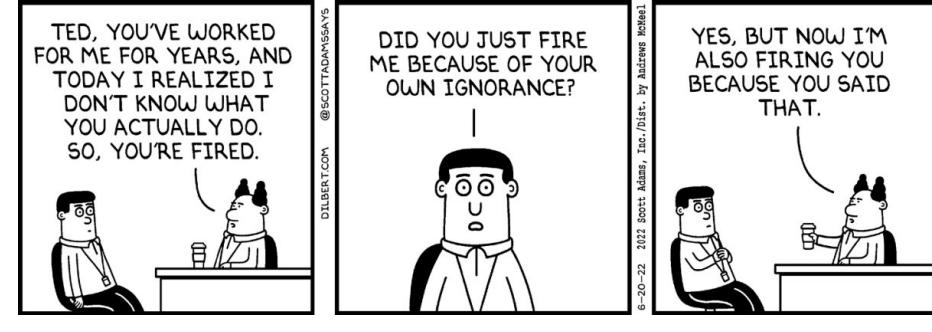
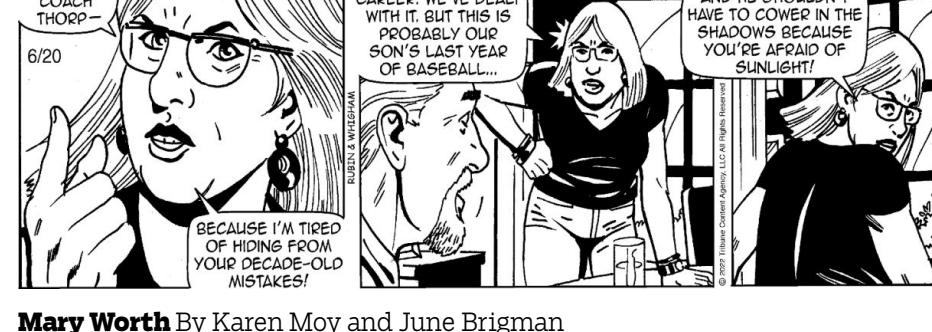
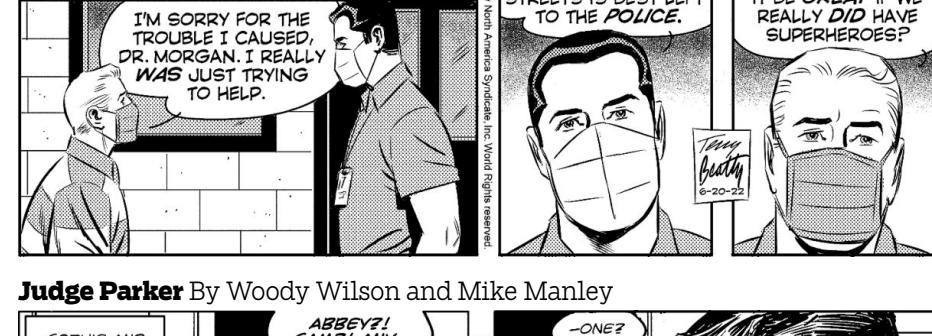
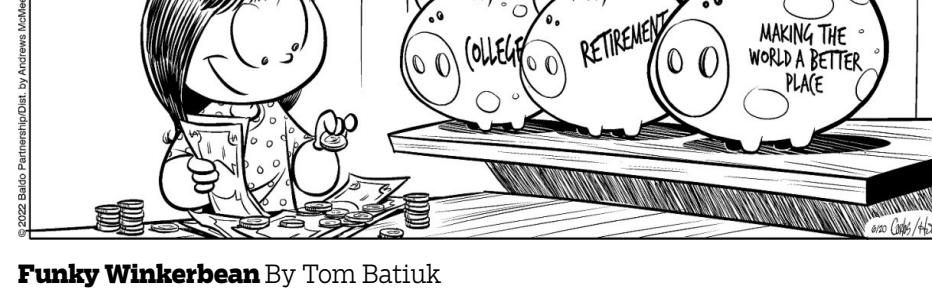
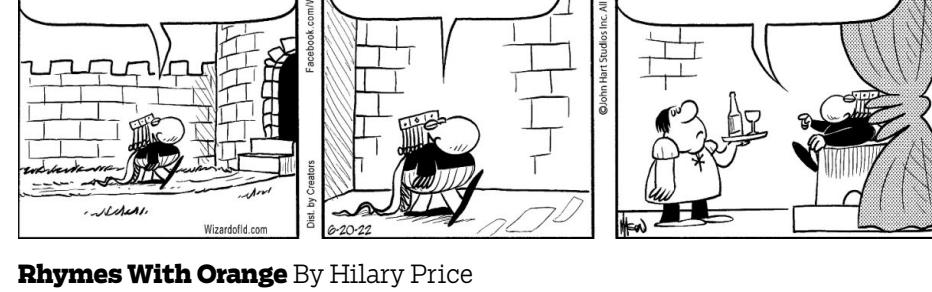
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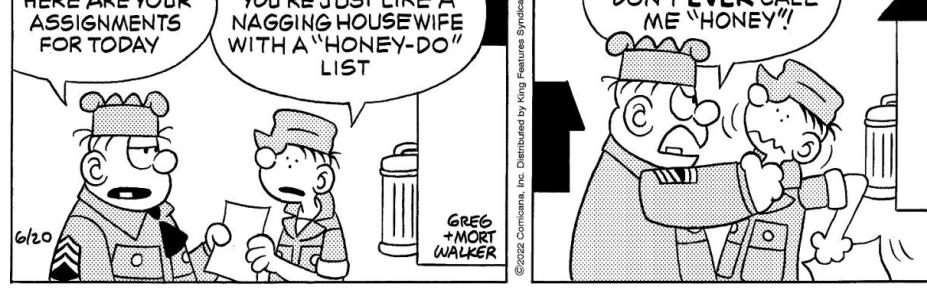
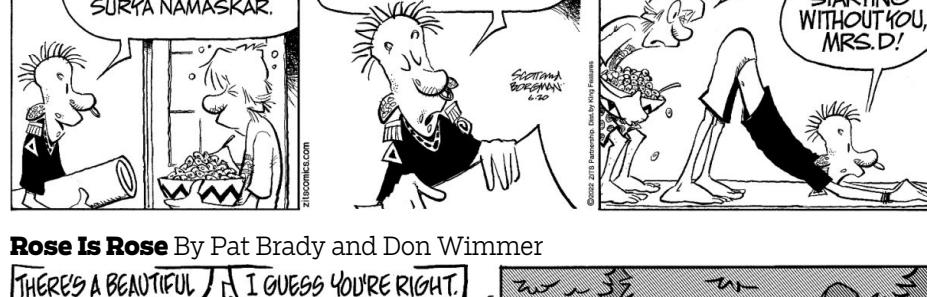
FACT #178: Genophobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238: Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.



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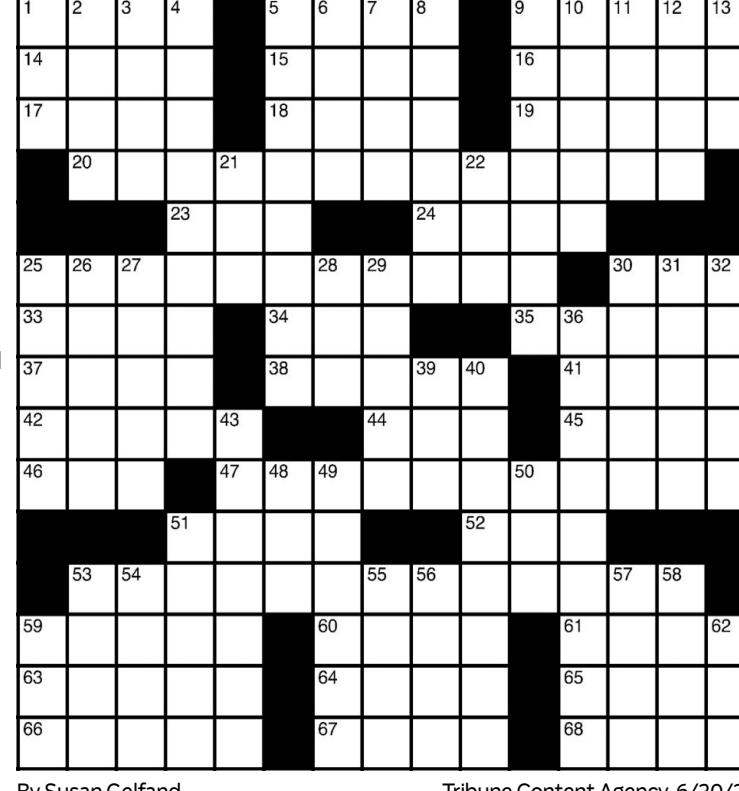
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Across

- 1 Shoot the breeze
5 Ladder rung
9 How-to presentations
14 Lacking color
15 Blue-green hue
16 Poetry muse
17 Dance, music, sculpture, etc.
18 Tabula __: blank slate
19 Rolls of fabric
20 Where Clay went to make a ceramic vase?
23 Calligrapher's tool
24 Selfish shout
25 Where Penny went to deposit money?
30 Verbalize
33 Olympic skater's leap
34 Herbal beverage
35 Stock unit
37 Boy, in Spanish
38 Speed
41 "Sign me up!"
42 Talks up
44 Golden yrs. fund
45 Verse writer
46 Mornings, briefly
47 Where Viola went to perform with an orchestra?
51 Lose color
52 Cow's sound
53 Where Dean went to meet with professors and students?
59 Doctor Who player Whittaker
60 Declare
61 Say grace, say
63 Sci-fi visitor
64 Gas holder
65 Quiche ingredients

Down

- 66 Stately home
67 Laryngitis docs
68 Film spool
12 Springfield Elementary bus driver
13 "Help!" letters
21 Number of millimeters in a centimeter
22 Altoids container
25 Father Christmas
26 Widely accepted truth
27 Five-time Wimbledon singles champion Williams
28 Dead __ Scrolls
29 No-frills
30 American __: U.S. territory in the South Pacific
31 Disney mermaid
32 Streisand title role
36 Rap devotee
39 Tuscan three
40 Designates for a specific purpose, as funds



By Susan Gelfand

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ K 10 7 5 2

—

♦ K 7

♣ Q 9 7 5 3 2

WEST

♠ J 9

♥ 2

♦ A Q J 10 9 8 4 3

♣ A 6

EAST

♦ A Q 8 4 3

♥ Q 10

♦ 6

♣ K J 10 8 4

SOUTH

♠ 6

♥ A K J 9 8 7 6 5 4 3

♦ 5 2

♣ —

The bidding:
West North East South
5 ♦ Pass Pass 5 ♥
Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead — ace of diamonds.**Famous Hand**

This deal occurred during the 1967 European Championship match between Great Britain and Lebanon. When the British held the East-West cards at the first table, the bidding went as shown. West led the ace of diamonds, collecting the seven, six and deuce. West then had to decide what to do next.

The British pair were using standard signaling methods, which meant that East's play of the six at trick one could have been based on either the singleton six or the doubleton 6-5.

Understandably, West led the ace of clubs at trick two, hoping that his partner's play on this trick would guide him to the proper lead at trick three. Unfortunately for Britain, declarer ruffed, drew trump and claimed 11 tricks for plus 650. A diamond continuation at trick two would have beaten the contract.

At the second table, the bidding followed an entirely different course:

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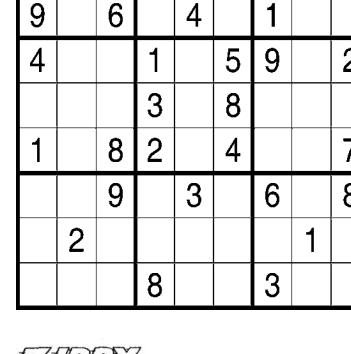
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Print your answer here: [http://www.jumble.com](#) - [http://www.jumble.com](#)

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: PETTY TWINE ENCORE ABACUS

Answer: For the novice golfer, the first shot of the round came with — "UNCERTAIN-TEE"

TODAY'S SUDOKU

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3x3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](#)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

B	I	N	D	S	P	O	T	P	E	C	O
A	U	D	I	O	T	O	U	I	N	A	N
M	A	L	L	S	A	N	T	A	T	O	R
S	E	N	D	S	U	P	K	A	H	N	
C	A	B	S	W	E	G	A	D	M	A	R
A	G	A	I	N	Y	I	K	E	S	R	A
R	U	B	S	O	M	E	D	I	R	T	O
Y	A	Y	F	A	C	E	T	S	U	N	N
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ZIPPY**THE BLAH'S****ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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Sunday's Crossword: [http://www.jumble.com](#)

Answer: EXCUSE ME, BUT I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING YOUR IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF ELON MUSK AND THE FOOD TRUCKS OF KUALA LUMPUR!

Saturday's Crossword: [http://www.jumble.com](#)

Answer: BLAH, BLAH, BLAH?

Sunday's Crossword: [http://www.jumble.com](#)

Answer: BLAH!

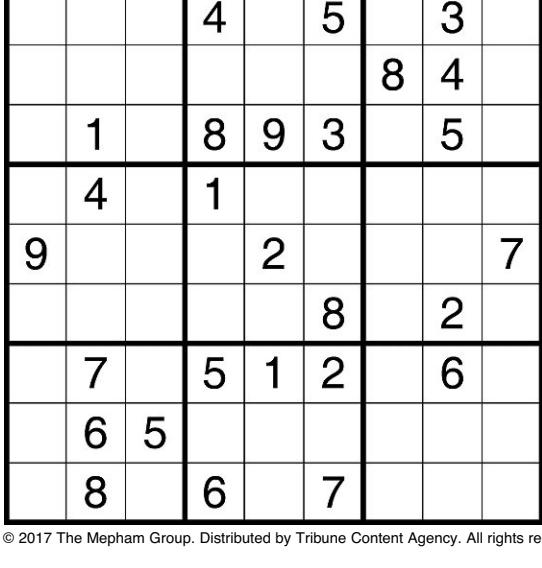
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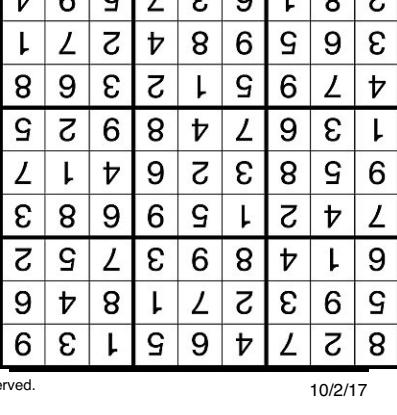
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SUDOKU



Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.



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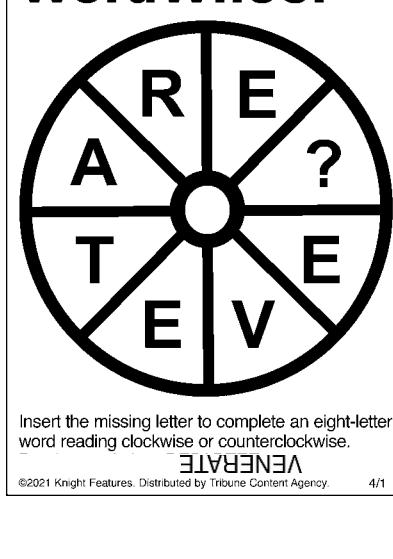
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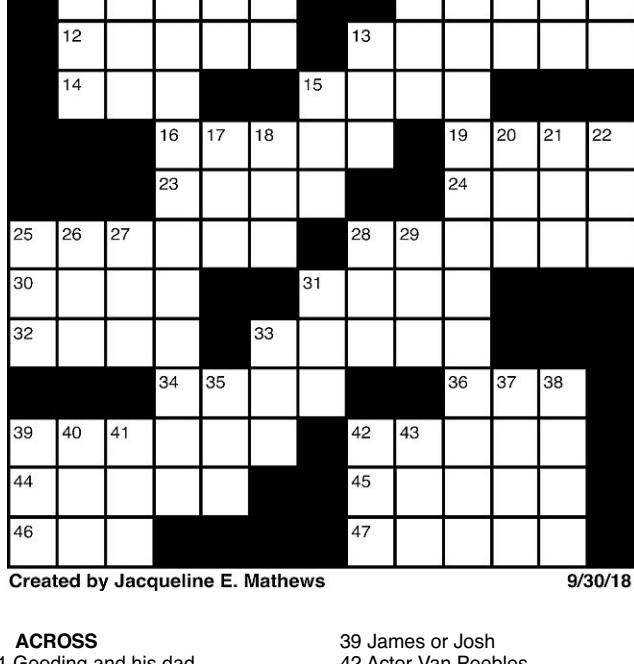


Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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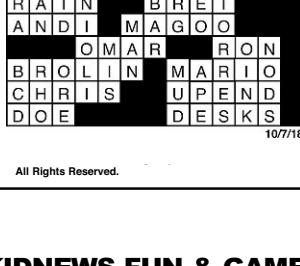
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ACROSS

- Gooding and his dad
- "According to —"
- Talk show hostess
- Frighten
- Rotten; miserable
- "Dawn of the ___ of the Apes"
- Curry or Cusack
- LL J of "NCIS: Los Angeles"
- "___ of Old Smoky"; Gene Autry western movie
- "I ___ Lucy"
- Colorful cold cereal
- "___ a Teenage Werewolf"; Michael Landon film
- Adam's apple location
- "___ of S.H.I.E.L.D."
- "___ Man"; Tom Cruise/Dustin Hoffman movie
- One of the Maverick brothers
- The King ___"; Yul Brynner classic
- Mr. ___; bald nearsighted cartoon character
- Actor Epps
- Howard

DOWN

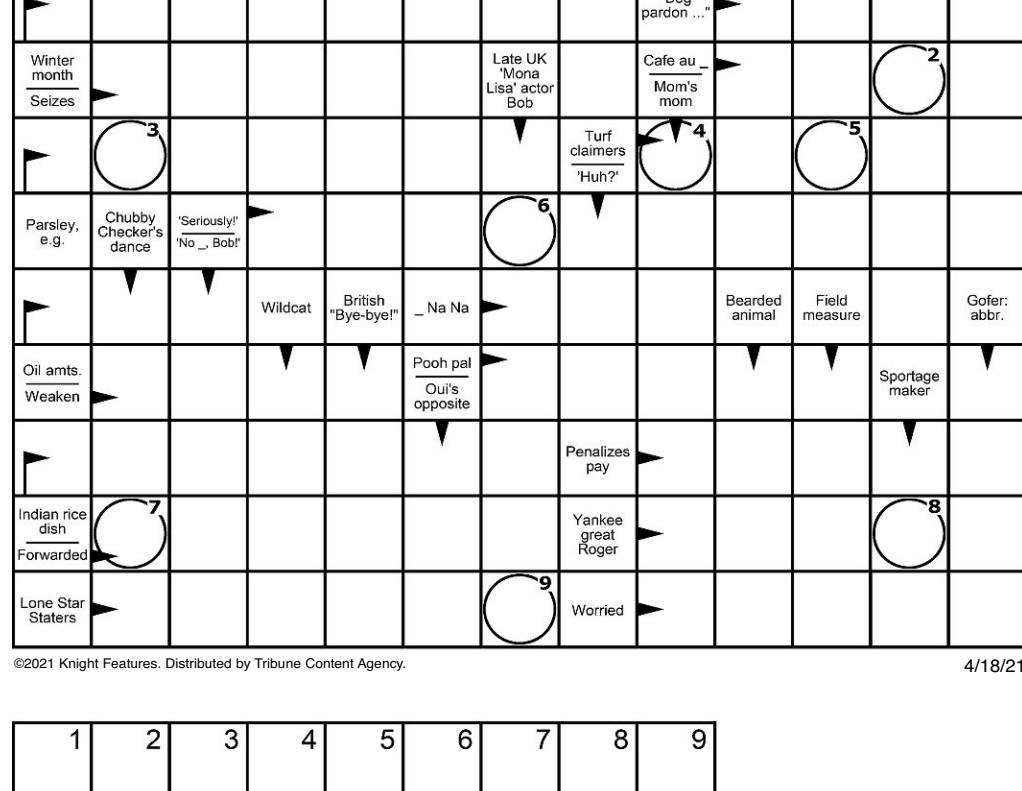
- Popular pop
- "Once ___ a Time"
- Dancing with the Stars judge
- Camera batteries, often
- Bashful
- One of the girls on "The Brady Bunch"
- Anger
- "How I ___ Your Mother"
- pitch softball
- "Grey's Anatomy" role
- Herman Munster, to Eddie
- Wally or Courtney
- Gun rights org.
- for tat
- "My ___ Worst Enemy"; Christian Slater film
- Large tub
- Suffix for govern or lion
- Refrain syllable
- Solo; "Star Wars" character
- Get ___ of; shed
- Setting for "Evita": abbr.
- Prizm, Spectrum or Storm
- Saloon
- Last ___ Standing"
- Prefix for place or pronounce
- Sty cry
- off; dozens
- A-E connection
- Letter from Greece
- Miner's discovery
- Garden soil after the rain
- King Kong, for one



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ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.



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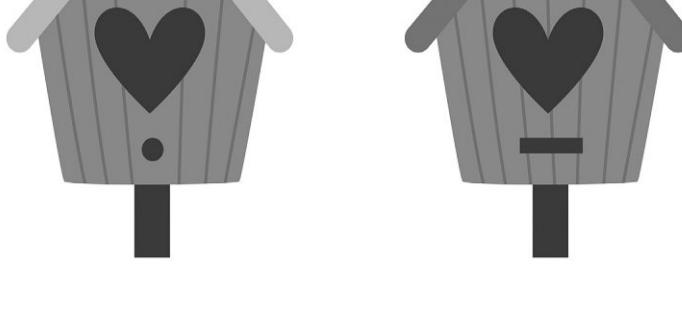
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MLB RED SOX 6, CARDINALS 4

Pivetta goes 7 strong with 10 K's as Red Sox beat Cards

By Ken Powtak
Associated Press

BOSTON — Nick Pivetta pitched seven dominant innings with 10 strikeouts, Christian Vázquez hit a three-run homer and the Boston Red Sox held off the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 on Sunday to win their fifth straight series.

Trevor Story added a solo shot and Jackie Bradley Jr. had a go-ahead single for the Red Sox, who rebounded after getting blown out 11-2 on Saturday night for their 13th victory in 17 games.

St. Louis wrapped up just its second visit to Fenway Park in 14 years. The Cardinals have lost three of four.

Juan Yepez had a pinch hit three-run homer in the ninth and Tyler O'Neill had three hits for the Cardinals but had to leave the game due to left hamstring tightness after legging out a double.

Pivetta (7-5) continued his hot stretch, giving up just one run and four hits, with four walks. He's 7-1 with a 1.77 ERA in his last nine starts.

"I was really happy with the way it finished," said Pivetta, who struck out the side in his final inning. "I was really focused



Up next
Who: Detroit Tigers
at Boston Red Sox

When: 7:10 p.m. today; **TV:** NESN

on putting a zero up on the board. It was still a 2-1 game."

He gave up all of his walks in the first three innings.

"We had to get back to the normal Pivetta we know," said catcher Vázquez. "When he attacks the zone with the fastball no matter who's hitting, he doesn't care who's hitting. He attacks everybody."

Pivetta said he was still pumped up afterward.

"He's an electric kid," Vázquez said.

Tanner Houck struck out Brendan Donovan for the final out after Yepez's homer with a runner on second for his fourth save.

Vázquez hit his shot into the Green Monster seats, making it 6-1 in the eighth.

The Cardinals' Albert Pujols, who announced he's retiring at the end of the season, started at DH despite a right-hander pitching and went 0 for 3 with three strikeouts.

Turn to Red Sox, Page 2

MLB BLUE JAYS 10, YANKEES 9

Blue Jays rally back to end Yankees' winning streak

By Ian Harrison
Associated Press

TORONTO — Lourdes Gurriel Jr. launched his fifth career grand slam, Teoscar Hernández hit a go-ahead, three-run homer and the Toronto Blue Jays rallied to stop the Yankees' nine-game winning streak, beating New York 10-9 on Sunday.

Josh Donaldson, Anthony Rizzo, Gleyber Torres, Kyle Higashioka and Marwin Gonzalez each hit home runs for the Yankees, who led 8-3 in the sixth inning. New York lost for just the second time in 18 games.

"This was going to be an easy win; that's what I thought," Yankees right-hander Luis Severino said. "You know, it's not over until it's over. They made a great comeback."

Vladimir Guerrero Jr. hit his 17th home run and George Springer also connected for the Blue Jays.

Toronto got all of its runs on homers and became the first Yankees opponent to score in double digits this season. New York leads the majors with a 49-17 record.

Yankees relievers Miguel Castro and Wandy Peralta (1-1) couldn't protect the five-run lead.

Gurriel made it 8-7 with his two-out slam



Up next
Who: New York Yankees
at Tampa Bay Rays

When: 7:10 p.m. today; **TV:** YES

off Castro in the sixth, awakening the crowd of 44,395.

"Credit to Gurriel," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "He worked an at-bat, got to two strikes, and didn't miss his pitch."

Hernández brought the fans to their feet again in the seventh with his third home run in five games, making it 10-8.

"Against the Yankees, every game is going to be like that," Hernández said of the intense, back-and-forth matchup. "Everybody knows the team that they have, the run they're on right now."

Yimi Garcia (1-3) struck out three in 1 1/3 innings for the win.

Tim Mayza gave up Rizzo's pinch hit homer in the eighth, cutting it to 10-9, then allowed an infield hit to Gonzalez and walked pinch hitter Jose Trevino. Closer Jordan Romano came on and got DJ LeMahieu to fly out, then struck out Aaron Judge to end the threat.

Turn to Yankees, Page 2

U.S. OPEN



Matthew Fitzpatrick, right, celebrates with Rory McIlroy after Fitzpatrick won the U.S. Open on Sunday at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass.
CHARLES KRUPA/AP

FITZPATRICK HANGS ON

Zalatoris sees chance for playoff slide by on 18th hole

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

BROOKLINE, Mass. — Matt Fitzpatrick of England is a champion again at The Country Club, this time with the grandest of trophies in golf.

A U.S. Amateur champion in 2013. The U.S. Open champion Sunday.

In a three-way battle at Brookline that came down to the wire, Fitzpatrick seized

control with a great break and an even better shot on the 15th hole for a two-shot swing. He was just as clutch from a fairway bunker on the 18th that set up par for a 2-under 68.

Victory was not secure until Will Zalatoris, who showed amazing fight back from every mistake, dropped to his knees when his 15-foot birdie putt on the 18th just slid by the left side of the cup.

Turn to US Open, Page 6

Leaderboard

Matt Fitzpatrick	.....68-70-68-68-274
Scottie Scheffler	.....70-67-71-67-275
Will Zalatoris	.....69-70-67-69-275
Hideki Matsuyama	.....70-70-72-65-277
Rory McIlroy	.....67-69-73-69-278
Collin Morikawa	.....69-66-77-66-278
Keegan Bradley	.....70-69-69-71-279
Adam Hadwin	.....66-72-70-71-279
Denny McCarthy	.....73-70-68-68-279
Joel Dahmen	.....67-68-74-71-280

Up next

Who: New York Liberty at Connecticut Sun

When: 7:10 p.m. Wednesday; **TV:** ESPN2

WNBA MYSTICS 71, SUN 63

Mystics pass a prime test

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Elena Delle Donne scored all 15 of her points in the first half as the Washington Mystics defeated the Connecticut Sun 71-63 in a meeting of two of the top teams in the East on Sunday afternoon.

It was a quick turnaround for the Sun, who were coming off a Friday night victory over the Seattle Storm at home. They looked to be off their game from the start.

Connecticut, which went into the game ranked No. 2 in the WNBA in scoring at 87.9 points per game, shot just 36.7% (22 of 60) from the field and was limited to its lowest scoring output of the season.

The Sun had 16 turnovers, to 10 for Washington.

Jonquel Jones had 15 points and 16 rebounds to lead the Sun (12-4), but no other Connecticut player scored in double figures.

Ariel Atkins and Shatori Walker-Kimbrough each scored 10 points for Washington (11-7).

Delle Donne converted a three-point play and then hit a 3-pointer about a minute later to make it 14-9 midway through the first quarter, and the Mystics led the rest of the way.

Connecticut scored six consecutive points to trim its deficit to eight nearly two minutes later, but Alysha Clark scored four points in a 7-0 spurt that made it 38-33 with 6 minutes left in the first half and the Sun couldn't recover.

The Sun trailed 61-41 entering the fourth quarter. They managed to cut the deficit to 10 with 2:01 to play, but the final margin of eight was as close as they got.

The Mystics were celebrating the 25th anniversary of the franchise's first home game. Past standouts Vicki Bullett, Chamique Holdsclaw and Muriel Page were inducted into the franchise's first Hall of Fame class.

The Sun return home Wednesday night to face the New York Liberty at Mohegan Sun Arena.

NHL STANLEY CUP GAME 3

Speedy Avs zoom to series lead over defending champs

By Pat Graham
Associated Press

DENVER — Marinate on this for a quick moment: Colorado has 11 goals in the Stanley Cup Final so far, and not one from star forward Nathan MacKinnon.

The always-pushing-the-pace Avalanche are clicking on all cylinders, even with MacKinnon's scoring held in check and Nazem Kadri sidelined by a thumb injury.

This is a bunch that comes at you from all directions — no matter the name on the back of the jersey. They're a constant blur of burgundy-and-blue that gets fast break after fast break, scoring chance after scoring chance.

Along with it, they have a 2-0 lead over Tampa Bay in the best-of-seven series, with

Stanley Cup - Game 3
Who: Colorado Avalanche
at Tampa Bay Lightning

When: 8 p.m. today; **TV:** ABC; **Series:** Avs lead 2-0

Game 3 in Tampa on Monday night.

"Certainly the fastest team that we played," Tampa Bay forward Steven Stamkos said. "We've got to find a way to slow them down."

How, precisely? "Putting pucks in areas where you can neutralize their speed and not turning the puck over — not giving them freebies," Stamkos said. "It's no secret they're a very fast team."

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Avalanche defenseman Cale Makar scores on Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy in the third period of Game 2 on Saturday. Colorado has 11 goals in the Stanley Cup Final so far.

JOHN LOCHER/AP

UP NEXT**Red Sox:** Tigers, Monday, 7 p.m.;

Tigers, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Tigers,

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Yankees: at Rays, Monday, 7 p.m.;

at Rays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Rays,

Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Mets: Marlins, Monday, 1 p.m.;

Astros, Tuesday, 8 p.m.; at Astros,

Wednesday, 2 p.m.

Yard Goats: at Somerset, Tuesday,

7 p.m.; at Somerset, Wednesday, 7

p.m.; at Somerset, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Sun: Liberty, Wednesday, 7 p.m.;

at Dream, Sunday, 3 p.m.; at Sky, June

29, noon

Hartford Athletic: Louisville City,

Saturday, 1 p.m.; Colorado Springs,

June 28, 7 p.m.; at Detroit City, July

6, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO**BASEBALL****1 p.m.:** Marlins at Mets. (Live) SNN

MLB. Radio: 880

2 p.m.: College World Series Game

7. (Live) ESPN

7 p.m.: College World Series Game

8. (Live) ESPN

7 p.m.: Yankees at Rays. (Live) YES.

Radio: 97.9

7 p.m.: Tigers at Red Sox. (Live)

NESN. Radio: 1080

8 p.m.: Cardinals at Brewers. (Live)

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HOCKEY**8 p.m.:** Stanley Cup Final Avalanche

at Lightning. (Live) ABC

SOFTBALL**7 p.m.:** AUX Team Gold vs. Team

Blue. (Live) ESPN2

9:30 p.m.: AUX Team Orange vs.

Team Blue. (Live) ESPN2

REGIONAL DIGEST

Rally falls short as Yard Goats drop series to Akron

By Staff Reports

The Yard Goats fell behind early, and the Akron RubberDucks held on to win 4-3 in front of a third straight sellout crowd at Dunkin' Donuts Park in Hartford on Sunday afternoon. Hunter Stovall had two extra base hits, including a leadoff double in the ninth, however Akron denied Hartford its third consecutive win.

Akron took a 4-0 lead in the third inning on three-run homer by Jonathan Engelmann. Aaron Schunk's RBI single in the bottom of the third cut Akron's lead to 4-1.

Stovall made it 4-2 with an RBI double with two out in the sixth. Stovall then led off the ninth with a double, advanced on Ezequiel Tovar's pinch hit single and scored on Schunk's groundout, but the Yard Goats were unable to tie it.

The Yard Goats lost four of six to the RubberDucks, their first series loss since facing Somerset in late April.

The Yard Goats head to Somerset, N.J., to play a six-game series with the Yankees affiliate starting Tuesday at 7 p.m. Hartford is one game behind first-place Somerset with six games left in the first half of the season.

Athletic blank Atlanta on road: Hartford Athletic overcame a missed penalty kick by Corey Hertzog in the first half and broke things open with two second-half goals for a 3-0 road victory over Atlanta United 2 on Saturday night. After Hertzog's miss in the 33rd minute, Luka Prpa broke through in the 42nd minute for a 1-0 lead. Hartford held Atlanta without a shot for the first 20 minutes of the second half. Joel Johnson scored down the middle in the 75th minute to give the Athletic a 2-0 lead, and Tom Brewitt closed out the scoring from in close to the bottom right in the 80th minute after a corner kick. Yannik Oettl made four saves for the shutout win.

Hackett, Blake 2-3 at Mount Washington: Everett Hackett, 32, of Hartford finished second in his first Mount Washington Road Race on Saturday in New Hampshire, covering the weather-shortened 3.8 miles up the Auto Road in 28:30. The race is normally 7.6 miles, but temperatures at the summit were in the 20s with sustained winds of 75 to 80 mph with the threat of ice and snow, making it too dangerous to race to the top. Eric Blake, men's track and cross country coach at Central Connecticut, finished third in 29:12. For Blake, 43, it was his 15th top-three finish in the race. Joseph Gray of Colorado Springs won in 27:44, breaking the "halfway" record of 28:02 by Simon Gutierrez in 2002. It was Gray's sixth Mount Washington win. Kim Dobson of Eagle, Colo., was the women's winner in a record 31:59.

MARLINS 6, METS 2



The Marlins' Jerar Encarnación follows through on a grand slam in the seventh inning Sunday against Mets in New York. JESSIE ALCHEH/AP PHOTOS

Encarnación's slam in debut lifts Marlins over Mets

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jerar Encarnación was called up to the major leagues, and Miami Marlins teammate Sandy Alcantara made a promise to the 24-year-old.

"I told him if you get a hit or a Homer, I'm going to buy something," the pitcher recalled saying on the way back to the team hotel Friday night.

Inserted into the depleted Marlins' starting lineup, Encarnación made a spectacular major league debut with a go-ahead, seventh-inning grand slam for his first hit. He also threw out a runner at third base from right field and stole a base, lifting Alcantara and Miami over the New York Mets 6-2 Sunday.

Call it a suitable debut.

"Let's go — get my clothes," a smiling Encarnación said he told Alcantara after game.

"Anything he wants," the pitcher responded.

Alcantara first met Encarnación in 2014 in San Isidro, Dominican Republic. Encarnación signed with the Marlins the following year, started in the minors in 2016 and was their No. 16 prospect heading into the 2020 season after his grand slam off Washington's Sterling Sharp won the Arizona Fall League championship.

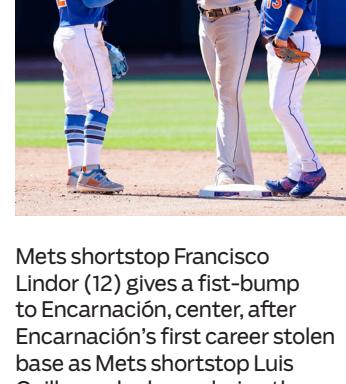
Encarnación stalled following a year of minor league ball canceled by the coronavirus pandemic and was Miami's No. 22 prospect after a 2021 in which he hurt his right knee while hitting a metal pole when chasing a foul ball and then was hit on his left hand by a pitch.

He began 2022 at Double-A Pensacola, homered in his Triple-A debut for Jacksonville on May 17 and was brought up to the big leagues Friday after hitting 13 homers in the minors this year.

Wearing unfashionably high uniform No. 64 and with cousin Randy in the stands, the 6-foot-5, 239-pound outfielder threw out Tomás Nido trying to stretch a third-inning single into a double after a one-hop drive off the right-field wall.

Encarnación struck out and grounded out in his first two at-bats, then came to the plate with Alcantara (7-2) trailing 1-0 in the seventh.

Seth Lugo relieved Chris Bassitt (5-5) with the bases loaded. Encarnación got some



Mets shortstop Francisco Lindor (12) gives a fist-bump to Encarnación, center, after Encarnación's first career stolen base as Mets shortstop Luis Guillorme looks on during the ninth inning.

Up next
Who: Miami Marlins
at New York Mets
When: 1:10 p.m. today
TV: SNY, MLBN

tips from hitting coach Marcus Thames and got ahead 3-and-1 in the count. He took a called strike and then drove a 92.6 mph fastball 371 feet to the opposite field and over the right field wall.

"Threw a pretty good backdoor sinker, and he just went with it," Lugo said. "Figured staying away was a safe bet."

New York, an NL-best 44-24, lost for only the second time in 12 home games. Miami stopped a three-game skid and won for just the second time in 10 games at Citi Field.

Bassitt stretched his scoreless streak to 14 innings before the seventh, when the Marlins loaded the bases on singles by Miguel Rojas and Jacob Stallings followed by Bryan De La Cruz's one-out walk.

Alcantara, whose 1.72 ERA is second in the major leagues behind San Diego's Joe Musgrove, allowed six hits in eight innings, struck out eight and walked one. He has pitched seven innings or more while allowing two earned runs or fewer in eight straight starts, the longest such streak since 16 in a row by Seattle's Félix Hernández in 2014.

Francisco Lindor put the Mets ahead with a run-scoring single in the sixth, his 52nd RBI. Luis Guillorme added an RBI single in the seventh.

Bassitt struck out a season-high nine while allowing three runs and five hits in 6 1/3 innings.

AVS

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Colorado has scored at least seven goals four times in this playoff run, the latest a 7-0 rout in Game 2. The Avalanche are one of only seven NHL teams that have recorded that many seven-or-more goal games in one postseason.

On top of that, the Avalanche became the first NHL team to tally 11 or more goals through two games of the final since they themselves accomplished the feat in 1996.

Coach Jared Bednar chalks the offensive fireworks up to one big reason — rest. While the Lightning had to grind through a tough six-game series with the New York Rangers, the Avalanche

got an extended breather after a sweep of Edmonton.

"We've been trying all year to balance the work/rest ratio," Bednar said. "It's important. ... Our team just seems to be really focused, dialed in and they're hungry and they want to win."

A different player rises to the occasion each game, too. Andre Burakovsky scored the OT winner in Game 1. Valeri Nichushkin and Cale Makar each recorded two goals in Game 2. The Avalanche have found a way to score early and often on Tampa Bay's Andrei Vasilevskiy, who's one of the best goaltenders on the planet.

Speed really can make a difference.

"We think that's how we have to beat them," Avalanche defenceman Josh Manson said of push-

Yankees

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Romano wrapped it up in the ninth for his 17th save in 19 chances, getting Rizzo to ground out to strand the tying run at third base.

"We were right there, and it just didn't go our way," Rizzo said.

Boone said he didn't use speedy Isiah Kiner-Falefa as a pinch runner in the ninth because the shortstop has been dealing with a sore left hamstring for the past few days.

"I wasn't going to mess with it today," Boone said.

Kiner-Falefa said he hopes to return to the lineup Monday at Tampa Bay.

Pitching for the first time since he was scratched from Thursday's start against the Rays because of illness, Severino allowed five runs and three hits in five-plus innings.

"For me, it's going to be tough because I feel like I could do more for this team," Severino said. "I could have gone six; I could have gone seven."

Severino walked a season-high four and struck out nine.

"He looked strong to me. His stuff looked good," Boone said. "I thought he got a little bit better as

he rolled along there."

Donaldson spiked his bat in anger after being hit by a pitch from Blue Jays left-hander Yuseki Kikuchi in the first. After Giancarlo Stanton struck out, the inning ended when catcher Alejandro Kirk threw behind Donaldson to pick him off first base.

Guerrero gave Toronto an early lead by connecting off Severino in the bottom of the first. Torres, who had three hits and three RBIs, homered in the second.

Donaldson, who won the 2015 AL MVP with Toronto, flipped his bat and admired his shot after his two-run homer in the third. After crossing the plate, Donaldson did a celebratory dance with Joey Gallo, who had walked ahead of the two-out drive to left.

Torres hit a two-run double in the fifth and Higashioka and Gonzalez hit back-to-back homers off right-hander Max Castillo, who was making his major league debut.

Yankees left-hander Aroldis Chapman (left Achilles tendinitis) threw a bullpen session, not live batting practice, at New York's spring training complex in Tampa, Florida, on Saturday. He will throw live batting practice Tuesday, Boone said.



The Yankees' Josh Donaldson is hit by a pitch from the Blue Jays' Yuseki Kikuchi in the first inning Sunday in Toronto. JON BLACKER/AP

Red Sox

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Making just his third career start, rookie right-hander Andre Pallante (2-2) pitched sharply into the sixth, allowing two runs, four hits, striking out four and walking one.

"Pallante did a nice job," St. Louis manager Oliver Marmol said. "He competed extremely well, under control the whole time, a lot of ground balls.... Overall, a solid mix. We wanted to keep him right around 75 today. We got to that pitch count. A nice job."

Bradley broke a tie with a two-out single up-the-middle in the fifth, a grounder that slipped past the dive of shortstop Tommy Edman, scoring Alex Verdugo from second.

Story hit Pallante's fastball to the opposite field, a drive that sailed over Boston's bullpen in the second for his 10th homer.

The Cardinals tied it in the fourth when O'Neill singled leading off, stole second and scored on Harrison Bader's two-out single.

Cardinals LHP Génesis Cabrera had a gift he bought for himself hanging in his locker — a Celtics Jayson Tatum road jersey.

Cabrera, from the Dominican

Republic, wanted to buy one of his countryman, Al Horford, but couldn't find one in the store, so he bought Tatum's instead.

Marmol's wife, Amber, and young daughter, Riley, were on the trip.

"They were here and, yes, I woke up to kisses," he said.

Red Sox RHP James Norwood, acquired Saturday from the Phillies for cash, was added to the roster. RHP Kutter Crawford was sent to Triple-A Worcester.

Trainer's room

Cardinals: RHP Jack Flaherty will make his second start after returning from a right-shoulder injury on Tuesday in Milwaukee with the plan to throw about 75 pitches before there's expected to be no limit after that. "We'll build up his pitch count this next time out," Marmol said. "He was 60 last time. We'll drive that up. ... After that, he'll be a regular big-league pitcher."

Red Sox: LHP Chris Sale (out since spring training, fracture rib cage) is expected to throw a second simulated game off the Fenway mound on Monday.... OF Verdugo was in the lineup after getting Saturday off.



Christian Vazquez of the Red Sox watches the flight of his three-run home run in the eighth inning Sunday against the Cardinals in Boston.

STEVEN SENNE/AP

two Stanley Cups).

"They're playing at an elite level right now," Lightning coach Jon Cooper said. "We are not. ... We have to elevate our play."

MacKinnon has two assists so far in the series. He's realized that he can't always be in the starring role. He can, though, star in the role he's in. In this case, it's winning faceoffs, dishing out hard hits and being such an offensive force it requires Tampa Bay to keep constant track of him.

BASEBALL**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	49	17	.742	—	—	9-1	L-1	29-7	20-10
Toronto	38	28	.576	11	—	5-5	W-1	21-14	17-14
Tampa Bay	36	30	.545	13	—	3-7	L-1	21-13	15-17
Boston	36	31	.537	13 1/2	1/2	6-4	W-1	17-16	19-15
Baltimore	30	38	.441	20	7	6-4	W-1	17-16	13-22
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	38	30	.559	—	—	5-5	L-1	20-14	18-16
Cleveland	34	28	.548	1	—	8-2	W-1	16-10	18-18
Chicago	31	32	.492	4 1/2	3 1/2	5-5	W-1	13-17	18-15
Detroit	26	40	.394	11	10	3-7	W-2	18-22	8-18
Kansas City	23	42	.354	13 1/2	12 1/2	5-5	L-1	12-21	11-21
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	40	25	.615	—	—	5-5	L-1	17-11	23-14
Los Angeles	33	36	.478	9	4 1/2	5-5	W-3	17-18	16-18
Texas	31	35	.470	9 1/2	5	5-5	L-2	14-18	17-17
Seattle	29	39	.426	12 1/2	8	3-7	L-3	15-18	14-21
Oakland	23	45	.338	18 1/2	14	3-7	W-1	8-25	15-20

BOX SCORES**WASHINGTON 9, PHILADELPHIA 3**

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Herrera cf	4	1	0	0	.243	
Bohm 3b	4	0	0	1	.252	
Stott 2b	4	0	1	1	.163	
Vierling lf	4	0	2	0	.234	
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SCOREBOARD**NHL PLAYOFFS**

STANLEY CUP FINALS
Colorado 2, Tampa Bay 0
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
G1: June 15: Colorado, 4-3 (OT)
G2: June 18: Colorado 7-0.
G3: Monday: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
G4: Wednesday: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-G5: Friday: at Colorado, 8 p.m.
x-G6: June 26: at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
x-G7: June 28: at Colorado, 8 p.m.

**LATE SATURDAY:
COLORADO 7, TAMPA BAY 0**

Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Colorado	3	2	2	7	

First Period: 1, Colorado, Nichushkin 7 (Burakovsky, Newhook), 2:54 (pp); 2, Colorado, Manson 3 (Cigliano, Newhook), 7:55. 3, Colorado, Burakovsky 3 (Rantanen, Toews), 13:52
Penalties: McDonagh, TB (Roughing), 1:01; Sergachev, TB (Delay of Game), 8:34; Colorado bench, served by Newhook (Holding Stick), 16:12; Perry, TB (Roughing), 16:12.

Second Period: 4, Colorado, Nichushkin 8 (Rantanen), 4:51; 5, Colorado, Helm 2 (O'Connor), 16:26
Penalties: Johnson, COL (Hooking), 5:36; Tampa Bay bench, served by Maroon (Roughing), 17:42; Perry, TB (Unsportsmanlike Conduct), 17:42; Compher, COL (Hooking), 17:42

Third Period: 6, Colorado, Makar 6 (Cigliano), 2:04 (sh); 7, Colorado, Makar 7 (MacKinnon, Rantanen), 9:49 (pp)

Penalties: Rantanen, COL (Tripping), 1:04; Palat, TB (Cross Checking), 8:19; Helm, COL (Roughing), 15:38; Colorado bench, served by Newhook (Unsportsmanlike Conduct), 15:38; Nichushkin, COL (Roughing), 15:38; Stankos, TB (Roughing), 15:38; Cernak, TB (Roughing), 15:38; Killorn, TB (Roughing), 15:38; Stankos, TB (Roughing), 15:38; Cernak, TB (Roughing), 15:38; Cirelli, TB (Roughing), 15:38; Cirelli, TB (Roughing), 15:38; Nichushkin, COL (Roughing), 15:38; Lehkonen, COL (Roughing), 15:38; Helm, COL (Roughing), 15:38; Lehkonen, COL (Roughing), 15:38

Shots on Goal: Tampa Bay 5-7-5-17; Colorado 11-12-7-30

Power-play opportunities: Tampa Bay 0 of 2; Colorado 2 of 5

Goals: Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 12-7-0 (30 shots-23 saves); Colorado, Kuemper 8-2-0 (17-17)

A: 17,849 (18,007)

T: 2:35

Referees: Jean Hebert, Wes McCauley

Linesmen: Kiel Murchison, Jonny Murray.

AUTO RACING**F1 CANADIAN GRAND PRIX**

Sunday at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve, Montreal, Lap: 4.00 kilometers (Start position in parentheses)

1. (1) Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Red Bull Racing, 70laps, 1:36:21.757,

25points.

2. (3) Carlos Sainz Jr, Spain, Ferrari, 70, +0.993seconds, 19.

3. (4) Lewis Hamilton, Great Britain, Mercedes, 70, +0.006, 15.

4. (8) George Russell, Great Britain, Mercedes, 70, +12.313, 12.

5. (19) Charles Leclerc, Monaco, Ferrari, 70, +15.168, 10.

6. (7) Esteban Ocon, France, Alpine, 70, +23.890, 8.

7. (2) Fernando Alonso, Spain, Alpine, 70, +24.945, 6.

8. (11) Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Alfa Romeo Racing, 70, +25.247, 4.

9. (10) Guanyu Zhou, China, Alfa Romeo Racing, 70, +26.952, 2.

10. (17) Lance Stroll, Canada, Aston Martin, 70, +38.222, 1.

11. (9) Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, McLaren, 70, +43.047.

12. (16) Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Aston Martin, 70, +44.245.

13. (12) Alexander Albon, Thailand, Williams, 70, +44.893.

14. (15) Pierre Gasly, France, AlphaTauri, 70, +45.183.

15. (14) Lando Norris, Great Britain, McLaren, 70, +52.145.

16. (18) Nicholas Latifi, Canada, Williams, 70, +59.978.

17. (5) Kevin Magnussen, Denmark, Haas F1 Team, 70, +1:08.180.

18. (20) Yuki Tsunoda, Japan, AlphaTauri, did not finish, 47.

19. (6) Mick Schumacher, Germany, Haas F1 Team, did not finish, 18.

20. (13) Sergio Perez, Mexico, Red Bull Racing, did not finish, 7.

DRIVER STANDINGS

Verstappen 175 S.Perez 129

Leclerc 126 Russell 111

Sainz Jr 102 Hamilton 77

Norris 50 V. Bottas 44

Ocon 39 F. Alonso 22

Gasly 16 Magnussen 15

Ricciardo 15 S. Vettel 13

Tsunoda 11 Albon 3

Zhou 3 Stroll 3

MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS

Red Bull Racing 304 Ferrari 228

Mercedes 188 McLaren 65

Alpine 61 Alfa Romeo 47

AlphaTauri 27 Aston Martin 16

Haas F1 Team 15 Williams 3

NASCAR CUP SERIES**MANUFACTURERS STANDINGS**

RK	MAKE	PTS	PB	W
1	Chevrolet	582	—	8
2	Ford	541	-41	4
3	Toyota	540	-42	4

DRIVER POINT STANDINGS

DRIVER	W	T5	T10	PTS
Chase Elliott	1	3	10	536
Ross Chastain	2	7	10	520
Kyle Busch	1	6	11	513
Ryan Blaney	0	5	8	511
Joey Logano	2	5	7	506
Martin Truex Jr.	0	2	7	481
Kyle Larson	1	6	8	476
William Byron	2	4	5	466
Alex Bowman	1	3	9	460
Christopher Bell	0	4	9	444
Aric Almirola	0	2	5	423
Kevin Harvick	0	4	8	416
Chase Briscoe	1	3	4	386
Tyler Reddick	0	4	6	381
Austin Dillon	0	3	6	376
Erik Jones	0	1	5	368
Daniel Suarez	1	3	5	366
Austin Cindric	1	2	3	362
Kurt Busch	1	4	6	355
Michael McDowell	0	1	6	330
Denny Hamlin	2	3	3	325
Chris Buescher	0	1	4	318
Justin Haley	0	1	1	310
Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	0	1	5	288
Daniel Suarez	0	1	2	284
Ty Dillon	0	0	1	270
Cole Custer	0	0	0	262
Harrison Burton	0	0	0	241
Todd Gilliland	0	0	0	239
Brad Keselowski	0	0	2	227
Corey LaJoie	0	1	1	185

NASCAR CUP FASTEST LAPS

Points standing positions, percentage and total fastest laps:

DRIVER	POS.	PCT.	LAPS
1. Ross Chastain	2	7.4	262
2. Kyle Busch	3	6.9	246
3. Chase Elliott	1	6.4	229
4. William Byron	8	5.5	196
5. Ryan Blaney	4	5.4	192
6. Martin Truex Jr.	6	5.3	189
7. Kyle Larson	7	5.2	186
8. Tyler Reddick	14	4.7	167
9. Christopher Bell	10	4.4	155
10. Chase Briscoe	13	4.3	154

LAPS LED

DRIVER	EV	LAPS	LED
William Byron	16	3939	570
Chase Elliott	16	4120	471
Ross Chastain	16	4009	426
Kyle Busch	16	3959	385
Kyle Larson	16	4070	345
Tyler Reddick	16	4035	294
Chase Briscoe	16	4078	216
Daniel Suarez	16	3988	203
Joey Logano	16	4236	177
Denny Hamlin	16	3869	173
Martin Truex Jr.	16	4225	172
Christopher Bell	16	4191	158
Kurt Busch	16	3933	139

SOCCER

MLS EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New York City FC	8	3	3	27	26	11
N.Y. Red Bulls	7	4	5	26	20	17
Philadelphia	6	1	8	26	20	11
Orlando City	7	5	4	25	20	22
CF Montréal	7	6	2	23	28	27
New England	6	5	5	23	27	27
Charlotte FC	6	8	2	20	16	19
Cincinnati	6	7	2	20	22	26
Atlanta	4	5	3	18	17	17
Inter Miami CF	5	7	3	18	15	24
Columbus	4	5	4	17	18	17
Real Salt Lake	8	4	4	28	20	19
Austin FC	8	4	3	27	29	18
FC Dallas	7	4	4	25	24	15
LA Galaxy	7	5	3	24	18	16
Nashville	6	5	5	23	19	18
Seattle	6	6	2	20	20	17
Vancouver	6	8	2	20	18	18
Colorado	5	6	4</td			

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Pirates rookie makes homer history



Jack Suwinski hit his third homer of the game in the ninth inning, giving the Pirates a 4-3, walk-off victory over the Giants on Sunday in Pittsburgh to avoid a three-game sweep. The rookie drove a slider from side-arming Tyler Rogers (0-3) to right for his second game-ending home run of the season after connecting for one June 4 against the Diamondbacks. "I was just like, 'No way, man. No way that's going,'" Suwinski said. "That guy is hard to hit off of. Coming from that low under there, it's not an easy at bat." Pirates manager Derek Shelton spoke with Suwinski, above, in the bottom of the eighth, asking if he was ready to go deep a third time. Shelton said he was told, "No." "I was not trying to think about that," Suwinski said. "You start trying to do too much and then you just blow it or whatever. I was just trying to focus on what the pitcher had." The 23-year-old Suwinski is the second Pirates rookie to hit three homers in a game, joining Andrew McCutchen (Aug. 1, 2009). He's also the first rookie in major league history to have a three-homer game that included a walk-off home run.

Berrettini repeats at Queen's Club



Matteo Berrettini looks in prime shape for another deep run at Wimbledon. The second-seeded Italian retained his grass-court Queen's Club title by beating Filip Krajinovic 7-5, 6-4 on Sunday in London. It backed up his title triumph in Stuttgart last week, which also was on grass. Wimbledon starts June 27, and Berrettini is heading to the All England Club having won 20 of his last 21 matches on grass — his only loss coming against Novak Djokovic in four sets in last year's Wimbledon final. "I couldn't ask for a better start to the grass season," Berrettini said. "I am feeling really good — obviously a Slam is different, best-of-five sets. And a lot of pressure is going to be on me. But I guess that's normal." Krajinovic was a surprise finalist in west London, having never won a match on grass at ATP level before this week, and the 30-year-old Serb usually tries to skip grass-court events if he can. In another final Sunday, Hubert Hurkacz upset top-ranked Daniil Medvedev of Russia 6-1, 6-4 to win the Halle Open in Germany. The 12th-ranked Polish player was a semifinalist at Wimbledon last year.

Verstappen extends F1 lead with win



Max Verstappen maintained his hold on the Formula One championship fight by holding off a late challenge from Carlos Sainz Jr. to earn his sixth win of the season in a fairly easy Sunday drive in the Canadian Grand Prix. Verstappen won from the pole at Circuit Gilles Villeneuve in Montreal to extend his lead in the standings to 46 points over Red Bull teammate Sergio Perez, who retired early with a gearbox issue. Verstappen had no trouble clearing Fernando Alonso, who earned his first front-row start in a decade then joked he'd attack Verstappen in the first turn to steal the victory. But there was no challenge and by the time Sainz cleared Alonso for second on Lap 2, the Dutchman had already built a lead of 2.4 seconds in his Red Bull. Sainz was able to close the gap over the final 10 laps and pressured the reigning F1 champion but faded on the last lap and finished .993 seconds behind in his Ferrari. Mercedes had a rebound from its season-long struggles — seven-time series champion Lewis Hamilton scored his first podium since the season-opening race in March. —AP



Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy takes a break during a timeout in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final. HARRY HOW/GETTY

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Lightning look zapped

2-time defending champs running on fumes vs. Avs

By Stephen Whyno

Associated Press

DENVER — It's no secret the Lightning have played more hockey over the last two years than any other team in the NHL.

That may — finally — be taking a toll on the two-time defending champ Lightning against the Avalanche, who took a much shorter route to the Stanley Cup Final and lead the best-of-seven series 2-0 going into Game 3 on Monday in Tampa.

"The shot blocking, the groins, the hips, the cuts, the bruises, playing every second night: That's the toll," coach Jon Cooper said Sunday.

"And so when you get to the end, even though it doesn't look like they're banged up, they're missing guys, we're missing guys. We've got banged-up guys. That's what the playoff toll does. It's not what happened last year."

What happened last year was the Lightning became the second franchise since the salary cap era began in 2005 to win the Cup back-to-back.

This year, they beat the Maple Leafs in seven games, swept the Presidents' Trophy-winning Panthers and advanced to the Cup final by coming back to beat the Rangers in six.

The Lightning have played 67 post-season games since Aug. 1, 2020 — the most by one team over the span of three playoffs.

Because the pandemic pushed the 2020 playoffs into the summer and early fall, it's all condensed more than

normal. It would make sense for players to run out of gas.

"You've played an extraordinary amount of games, and playoff games are obviously just a little bit more physical, a little bit more everything as you play them," said three-time Cup champion Justin Williams, who's becoming an NHL Network analyst starting with Game 3. "As of right now, these guys are fading."

"Listen, they've played a lot of hockey, but once you get this far in the playoffs, you're running mostly on adrenaline right now."

"You feel pretty good, and an excuse to have played too much hockey is one that I'm sure that they're not prepared to use right now."

The Lightning didn't put themselves on the verge of becoming the NHL's first three-peat champion since the Islanders of the early 1980s by making excuses.

Even after getting trounced 7-0 in Game 2 on Saturday night and looking unable to keep up with the speedy Avalanche, the players pointed to overcoming this same deficit against the Rangers in the Eastern Conference final as reason to believe this series isn't close to being over.

"We're in the same situation," veteran winger Corey Perry said. "And we found a way to win Game 3 at the end of the game there. It rejuvenated us, it got us going again and now we're going home."

The Avalanche are already rejuvenated.

After finishing first in the West in the regular season, they swept the Predators in the first round, took out the Blues in six and then finished off

another sweep of the Oilers to give themselves more than a week off before the start of the Stanley Cup Final.

It appears to be paying dividends with fresh legs and crisper plays.

"I think it's physics that when you get rest you're rested," forward Mikko Rantanen said. "If you play every other day for a long period of time, it's going to wear you down. But they've been here before, they've played too long seasons before, so we can't think about that too much that we're the fresh team."

The Avalanche do look like the fresher team, and that has allowed them to keep up the pressure on the Lightning despite an experience disadvantage at this stage of the playoffs.

The champions of the West have scored 11 goals, and amazingly not one has come from star forward Nathan MacKinnon.

The always-pushing-the-pace Avs are clicking on all cylinders, even with MacKinnon held in a check and Nazem Kadri sidelined by a thumb injury.

They got here by flustering opponents into making mistakes, and that recipe is working again in the final.

The Lightning's challenge now is to figure out how to counteract the situation they're faced with. Motivation, at least, won't be an issue.

"This time of year there's only two teams and this is the best time of the year to play hockey and it's the finals," Perry said. "Why wouldn't you want to be here? Why would you want to just say 'Hey, we play a lot of hockey.' There's no point saying that."

"So we're excited to be here. We want to be here."

No surgery

Tatum grimaced and clutched his right shoulder at times throughout the finals, a product of the stinger injury he suffered in the conference finals against the Heat.

He played through the pain in the finals, but also insisted it wasn't a factor in his performance.

As of now, he doesn't have plans for surgery.

Changing of the guard?

One of the biggest questions this summer will be what Stevens, who is concluding his first year as president of basketball operations, plans to do at point guard.

The trade of Kemba Walker last offseason and jettisoning of Dennis Schroder this season put the responsibility in Smart's hands. He excelled at times, but his defense-first mindset hurt a team that at times was crying out for a true floor general to open up the floor for Boston's shooters.

Replacing him would be a tough call as he's also the Celtics' emotional floor leader.

Smart, who's under contract through 2025-26 season, is focused only on trying to help the team that drafted him in 2014 to improve.

"We're young. . . Things we went through to get here showed us what we have to come for us in the future," he said. "I think that's why we're confident about the future. We all know what the goal is in the future."

